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Boulder traps hasher for 6 hours



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Hashers Tyler Collins and Hong are in the hospital after a huge boulder was detached from a cliff, crushing their legs on the side of a mountain near the Radar area in As Matuis. Hong was struck underneath the boulder for six hours. A third hasher suffered minor scratches.

» **2 other hashers injured as heavy boulder was loosened on mountain side in As Matuis**

» **Hasselback holds fundraising for injured victims**

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Law establishing CNMI drug court signed



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Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres signed yesterday a bill to establish a drug court in the CNMI.

House Bill No. 19-94 now becomes Public Law 19-14.

The law establishes a drug court within the Commonwealth Superior Court that will be "col-

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DENNIS B. CHAN
Acting governor Ralph Torres is joined by judiciary and other government officials at the signing of monumental drug court bill yesterday at the Governor Office conference room on Capitol Hill.

More transformers arrive on Saipan

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With the final shipment of over 300 transformers, all materials needed for the restoration of power on Saipan after Typhoon Souledor will soon be on island.

A total of 486 refurbished transformers from the Solomon Corporation were ordered by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the first 180 of which were delivered Oct. 11.

The first 86 of the 306 transformers that were flown to Guam arrived at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International

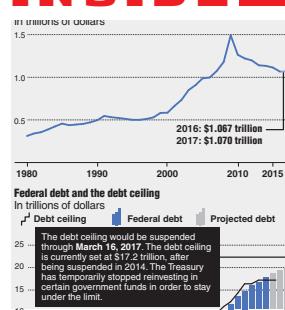
Airport yesterday. Three more flights will be coming in today and another one on Friday.

"Now it's just a matter of getting these transformers on our poles and connecting our customers. That's the only thing that's standing between them getting power," public information officer Brad Ruszala said.

"It's just going to be hard work and time. We have the materials here and we have the people on the ground and all we have to do is start putting stuff up," he added.

Ruszala said CUC's current target is See TRANSFORMERS on Page 4

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Halle Berry and actor Olivier Martinez are ending their two-year marriage and say they want to proceed with the best interests of their young son in mind.

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Senate vote overrides Inos budget vetoes

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The Senate unanimously voted to override several veto provisions in the budget act for fiscal

year 2016.

The Senate voted to override Gov. Eloy S. Inos' line item veto of "Section 501(c) and (d), which gave 100 percent reprogramming authority to the Chief

Justice and mayors.

The Senate also voted to override Inos' veto on Sec. 702(c), which was an allocation for the "drug court" in the CNMI.

The Senate lastly voted to

override Inos' veto Sec. 704(f), which allows 5 percent salary raises to law enforcement personnel.

Inos earlier wrote that this provision did not account for

personnel on Rota and Tinian, which he said would create morale problems.

Inos also said requiring law enforcement personnel to use 5 percent of their personnel bud-

get to fund this mandate would require agencies to cut staff and would run counter to the 25-percent cap on overtime.

During a Senate session yesterday, fiscal analyst David Demapan was to explain the Senate's position that they did include money for Rota and Tinian.

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DLNR: Outer Cove Marina will close ASAP

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Options and alternatives for the imminent closure of the Outer Cove Marina were discussed with the concerned public at a meeting Tuesday night.

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources conducted the public meeting together with a representative from the Department of Public Works at the DLNR DFW Smiling Cove Marina parking lot.

According to DLNR Secretary Richard Seman, they can't continue risking everyone with its continued use and that they will shut down the marina as soon as possible.

"We just want to make sure everything is set up on where they will go to be loading and unloading and everything is clear because it's not going to happen overnight," Seman said.

"Rest assured that the government will do everything in its ability to make sure that there are alternatives in how we operate," he added.

Seman estimates around 15 to 20 companies are using the marina, some of which may have more than one boat.

Last July, one of the gangways of the Outer Cove just suddenly collapsed.

After their inspection, the Building Safety Code Division of DPW recommended to DLNR to prohibit the use of the Outer Cove structures.

"Although only one of the walkways have collapsed, it is likely that due to the state of the remaining walkways they will collapse as well given a matter of time," acting build-

ing safety official Tom Deleon Guerrero said.

Through their ocular, non-destructive inspection of the collapsed pedestrian walkway and all remaining walkways, Deleon Guerrero said their finding is that it has failed due to the failure of the reinforcements within the cast-in-place (CIP) Double T beam.

DPW noted that it may have come from poor construction and is assumed that there was little to no maintenance.

Deleon Guerrero added that the failure was also possible through under design and possible non-consideration of rising tides.

With the big portion of the marina posing danger for use, the Smiling Cove Marina is being offered as an interim solution for the boaters to use.

The Smiling Cove, which is under the DLNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife, is federally-funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program and intended for recreational boaters and not for commercial use.

However, through communication with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DLNR said the Smiling Cove may be used as a transport docks, for loading and unloading of passengers.

DFW director Manny Pangelinan said there are just some things that need to be addressed first and that they need to give information to the granting agency.

"First we want to know how many people are going to come here and do business here," Pangelinan said, "The

sizes of the boat, the number of passengers, the time."

Pangelinan said that those who will be using the Smiling Cove should understand that the recreational boaters get first priority but they can make arrangements and cooperate

with each other.

Seman added that they are also looking forward to CPA working with them and allowing them to also utilize part of the port and that they hope delta dock will be up and running soon.

With regards to future plans for the OCM, DLNR said it is leaning on having it leased to other developers, although they haven't announced it to the public yet.

"We're going to have to put together a [request for propos-

al] and then that's when the invitation is open. We want to do that hopefully next week," Seman said.

He added that there are already at least three companies interested in developing the Outer Cove Marina.

Man who staged 3-hour hostage drama pleads guilty

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Alfred Jacob Teregeyo Kaipat, a 30-year-old who allegedly grabbed two machetes from Feng Hua Store in San Jose, threatened to kill his wife, then barricaded himself on the third floor of the store's building before surrendering himself

to police after three hours, entered a guilty plea yesterday.

Kaipat, who appeared with counsel assistant public defender Tillman Clark, pleaded guilty to the offenses of two counts of violation of protective order and one count of theft.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ac-

cepted Kaipat's guilty plea and the plea agreement.

Camacho set the sentencing for Dec. 2, 2015 at 9am.

Kaipat waived the need for a pre-sentence investigation report.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government.

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CARE still fortifying disaster relief services

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Members of the CNMI Commonwealth Advocates in Recovery Efforts, or CARE, convened Tuesday at the Governor's Office conference room for a briefing on disaster logistics and support.

CARE volunteer Lauri Ogumoro stated that Karidat, through the support and donations of the Bay Area to Saipan relief drive, received a 40-foot container loaded with donations to be distributed to the community soon.

Ogumoro also stated that Karidat has raised \$10,250 in donations for CARE but are waiting on the \$20,000 seed funding from the local government to be used toward the limited term appointment salary for a director of CARE in order to fortify the operations of the organization.

In addition to this, acting governor Ralph DLG Torres announced that the Americorps Program extension was approved which allows for an additional three weeks of Americorps outreach and recovery



DAISY DEMAPAN

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support efforts.

Americorps assistant supervisor Jackson Owens said that they trained volunteers on team leadership, canvassing the community and conducting damage assessments and debris removal.

As of last week, he says, "There were 77 damage assessments in Chalan Kanoa and this

weekend our focus will be in Garapan."

Jenny Hegland, who spearheaded United 4 Saipan during Typhoon Souledor, shared that over 100 people volunteered last weekend for a cleanup in Chalan Kanoa with another cleanup taking place this Saturday in Garapan.

Ben Curran, voluntary liaison

of the Federal Emergency Management Agency-Pacific Area Office, provided an update to CARE on geographic information systems mapping to enable the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter and CARE to efficiently determine communities with differentiating needs.

"GIS mapping would produce maps that depict hot spots of hardest hit communities and from a case management perspective would specify visually where resources are in certain villages," he said.

These villages he says are among the 8,790 clients who are registered with FEMA availing to a total of \$23.7 million available funding.

Curran stated that looking at our vulnerabilities makes case management and disaster outreach a success.

Glen Hunter, CARE communications and resource development subcommittee member, stated that the organization is continuing to maintain their website and disaster information as needed.

CARE, in partnership with the local government and private organizations, is made of

seven committees that include a steering committee, communications and resource development, case management and spiritual/emotional care, construction, workforce recovery,

public health, and volunteer and donation management.

For those unable to avail of FEMA or in need of more assistance, call 783-4204 or email cmmicare@gmail.com.

3 Saipan sites red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged Tanapag Meeting Hall, Garapan Fishing Dock, and DPW Channel Bridge on Saipan.

LAW

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laborative non-adversarial system to effect the rehabilitation and recovery of drug offenders through continuous court monitoring, regular drug testing, and holistic drug dependency treatment."

Drug courts are seen a drastic departure from traditional criminal justice. The approach is "non-adversarial," with a focus on long-term rehabilitation rather than immediate punitive or retributive punishment.

Speaking before a crowded governor's conference room on Capitol Hill, Torres called it a "monumental day for the whole CNMI."

Torres said they have a lot of progress to make and a lot of trial and error to go through. "[But] if we don't start somewhere, we are not going to get there."

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman said, in his remarks yesterday, that he was pleased at the support of the many government officials present at the signing of this highly important bill.

Wiseman said the drug problem in the CNMI has grown to unacceptable proportions, and has resulted in an increase in crimes, domestic violence, and other numerous other adverse and negative consequences for our community.

"The drug court act once funded and implemented will be the beginning of a court that will function as a problem solving court, which will eventually reduce and mitigate the problems associated with drug addiction," Wiseman said.

"Although we are all on the same page in favor of a drug

court, we need to turn that page. And that page we are going to turn into is the funding page.

We will be submitting a reasonable but necessary budget for the said implementation in request... We request that our legislators review it and approve it at the earliest convenience."

"Implementation of a drug court will allow the CNMI to join Guam and the 50 other states—all which have drug courts—in a collaborative effort to address the devastating effects of crime in our families and in our communities.

Wiseman said the drug court is a nationally proven method to stop the revolving of short term crime sentences for drug related offenses. He said addicts desperately need specialized counseling and treatment, and the drug court can provide them with that help.

House Speaker Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), who authored the drug court bill, said this was the first step in a "war on ice" aimed at getting offenders and many of CNMI family members who have fallen to the addiction "on programs with the aim of treating them and bringing them back to be positive members of our community."

"Lieutenant governor, this is just one component of the bigger picture on this war on ice," Deleon Guerrero said, acknowledging Gov. Eloy S. Inos' recent establishing of a "war on ice" task force.

"This is just the first step in this process which will hopefully turn the tide and hopefully get rid of this scourge in our islands. We are not the first island, we are not the only island, but it is a good move in the right direction," Deleon Guerrero said.

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Demapan said that it was hard to find whether the 5 percent increase is included if looking at the "Schedule A" of the budget law, which showed a "whole amount."

He said the way to determine whether that 5 percent salary increase allocation is included [is to] break it down into a t-account, reading to Senators one for Rota's Division of Customs.

"On the personnel t-account, the total balance there is showing \$144,401. Now that amount really ties into what is showing in schedule A, or public law 19-08. But looking at that amount,

we cannot determine whether the 5 percent is included. But by looking at this T-account it shows there that \$6,531 for wages and benefits is added on, and so that \$144,401 contains the 5-percent salary increase. That's how we put it," he said.

"If we go to the others, it will be the same exercise," he added.

Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota) said it was sad to hear that the governor says that they did not include his own municipality. "That was a disgrace for me to hear that," he said.

"I hope our people in Tinian and Rota, the law enforcement community, will understand now that yes we did give the two municipality what they deserve, as well as Saipan," he added.

TRANSFORMERS

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to have 90 percent of the island to be back on grid power by the end of the month.

"I know we're more than 85 [percent] now," Ruszala said.

Ruszala said the island will be up to 100 percent "before

BOULDER

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Firefighters and other rescue members used ropes and an air bag to lift the boulder that measured about 6X4 feet, enough to pull out the victim, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde yesterday.

Gersonde said the victim who was stuck under the boulder suffered fractured legs, while the second man fractured his right leg, and the third only had minor scratches.

He said only the two who had serious injuries were taken to the hospital.

The two who received injuries are a certain Hong and Tyler Collins.

"It was horrible! The victims were screaming for hours and there's blood all over the scene," a witness told *Saipan Tribune*.

As this developed, former Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback started yesterday a fundraising drive for the two victims.

Hasselback said the two need lengthy medical care and surgeries.

"One guy doesn't have insurance and is needing some Hash House Harrier love. Please donate if you are able," said Has-

selback in the fundraising post.

Hasselback said Saipan Hash House Harriers is best described as a "drinking club with a running problem." He said it is a tight-knit "family of weirdos" who get together once a week to celebrate the outdoors and camaraderie.

The gofundme account that Hasselback set up is called the "Injured Saipan Hashers Fund" and as of 8pm yesterday has already raised \$3,000 out of the \$10,000 target amount.

Attorney Bruce Berline, who was among those who responded to assist the victims, said it was around 9pm when the rescue personnel freed the hasher from underneath the boulder.

"The trail was quite difficult, with steep drops and climbs and tight corners. It was located on the side of the mountain, so footing was difficult and unstable. And it was incredibly hot and humid," Berline told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Gersonde said that on Saturday at 5:15pm, DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety, stating that there were hikers that sustained multiple injuries in As Matuis around the Radar area.

Gersonde said DFEMS search and rescue unit, medics from Garapan Fire Station, and medics from the Kagman

er planes and then get them here," FEMA federal coordinating officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. said.

CUC acting executive director John Riegel earlier said he welcomes the arrival of Solomon's transformers and credits the efforts of CUC's in-house team and visiting disaster responders for getting

restoration crews the materials they need.

"This order was the product of a coordinated effort between CUC and our local, regional and federal partners. Without this partnership, our recovery would be delayed by months, during which time our community would suffer without essential services," Riegel said.

ers were.

On the way there, he said, he saw another hasher being carried in a basket stretcher up to the waiting ambulance.

The person, he said, had suffered a broken leg but seemed to be in good spirits despite his injuries.

Berline said that injured hasher was placed in a special hard plastic stretcher designed to evacuate injured people from wilderness areas such as this one.

He said it allowed the stretcher to be slid over rocks and maneuvered through the tight trail without snagging on the vegetation.

He said then it was a matter of forming a line and feeding the stretcher from person to person while the people in the back came forward and repeated the process until they got him to the ambulance.

The lawyer said about 20 to 30 people were involved in carrying the victim out of the jungle.

He said it took at least an hour of hard work to get the victim to the ambulance.

"The rescue personnel (DPS, DFEMS etc) were outstanding. Nice to know that they all are there and fully capable of handling these types of emergencies," Berline said.



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Former lawmaker sues CHCC, official over left knee, leg infections

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Former representative Ana S. Teregeyo is suing the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muna, and some medical staff officers for alleged negligence that caused her left knee and leg to become infected, necessitating five more surgeries.

In a pro se complaint or without a lawyer, Teregeyo asked the Superior Court to hold the defendants liable to pay her in unspecified amount of damages for pain and suffering, mental anguish, and expenses.

Teregeyo said that on Nov. 2, 2013, she was admitted to the Commonwealth Health Center because of a shattered tibia bone.

She was treated by Dr. Grant Walker, a board certified ortho-

pedic surgeon licensed by the CNMI to practice medicine.

Teregeyo was released on Nov. 27, 2013, and told to follow up in the orthopedic clinic at the hospital.

On Dec. 19, 2013, she had an orthopedic clinic follow up appointment, in which she saw Ben Hochhalter, an orthopedic physician's assistant that the clinic staff referred to as Dr. Hochhalter.

In the subsequent visits, Teregeyo said Hochhalter, acting as CHCC employee, remained unsupervised by an orthopedic surgeon.

Teregeyo said Hochhalter took out the post-operative sutures too early, resulting in the gap in the incision to go untreated.

Hochhalter allegedly failed to obtain x-rays in a time frame consistent with the nor-

mal standard of care, even when the plaintiff complained that her leg was starting to angulate and that she felt that a bone was sticking out.

Hochhalter allegedly failed to take an x-ray of her leg for three months while she was complaining that her leg was starting to angulate as an infection continued eating away at the bone below and including her left knee.

Teregeyo said the infection of her knee necessitated six surgeries, including a full artificial replacement of her knee. She was confined to a wheelchair for 18 months.

Teregeyo said she had to be treated on the mainland, USA for 10 months, living in a low rent hotel room, while she received five additional surgeries at the University Medical Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

And as a consequence, Teregeyo said she had to endure the stresses of having to beg and fight with CHCC's administered Medical Referral Service for money to live.

Teregeyo said now she continues to suffer with chronic pain and that she can only walk approximately 200 yards and needs the assistance of a cane.

The former lawmaker said the care that she received from defendants fell below the applicable standard of care.

She pointed out she did not consent to the absence of her doctor for her entire post-oper-

ative care.

In fact, Teregeyo said, her doctor was due to leave in three weeks, leaving her without an orthopedic surgeon for post-operative care.

She said CHC did further cause reckless harm to her by holding out an orthopedic physician's assistant (Ben Hochhalter) to be supervised by a competent supervisor well versed in the care of orthopedic surgery.

She said Hochhalter was not supervised by an orthopedic surgeon.

"Defendants' negligence caused harm to her by not hav-

ing her orthopedic surgeon doctor available to her post-operative care and thus, through willful malice, her left knee and leg became infected, destroying her knee joint and necessitating five more surgeries on the mainland," she said.

Teregeyo said CHCC, by way of its chief of staff, director of medical affairs and other officers, failed to act in a manner as set forth in the CHCC hospital bylaws, thus denying her orthopedic surgeon doctor the ability to care for her left knee and leg during her post-operative care recovery.

GES receives tents, school supplies from BSI



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

While the school district continues its rebuilding efforts, Garapan Elementary School yesterday received tents, along with needed school supplies, from Best Sunshine International Ltd. to help protect students from the elements on the walkways. GES lost its walkways from Typhoon Soudelor. In this photo, My WAVE Club students, an active member of the company's clean up drive, pose with GES principal Liela Yumul, My WAVE coordinator Evelyn Alarcon and BSI chief services officer Tao Xing.

The onslaught of typhoon winds and torrential rains that whipped our islands into a state of widespread destruction did not exempt anyone and anything. The schools were invalidated by the state of ruin, prompting the school district to postpone the start of the school year.

Garapan Elementary School had to hold double sessions of half-day classes until power and water was restored. Classrooms were leaking in water from damaged roofs, and most of the walkways and hallways were blown off or damaged. But one by one, little by little, the island of Saipan is able to catch up and move forward toward recovery and continued attempts at normalcy.

Best Sunshine International Ltd. partnered twice with GES' active 80-member My Wave Club in the company's beach clean up and beautification projects following the typhoon and ongoing recovery phase. Seeing the students' own need for shelter and protection under scorching or raining weather, and because of the damaged walkways and waiting areas, Best Sunshine donated two tents along with much-needed school supplies to the school.

GES principal Liela Yumul

says, "Garapan Elementary School is really happy to receive this donation of tents. It will truly help us with our community events, but most importantly, help us with protection from the elements on the walkways, from the cafeteria to the main building when it rains, ever since the hallways got damaged from the storm. These tents are a great contribution to our school and for our kids."

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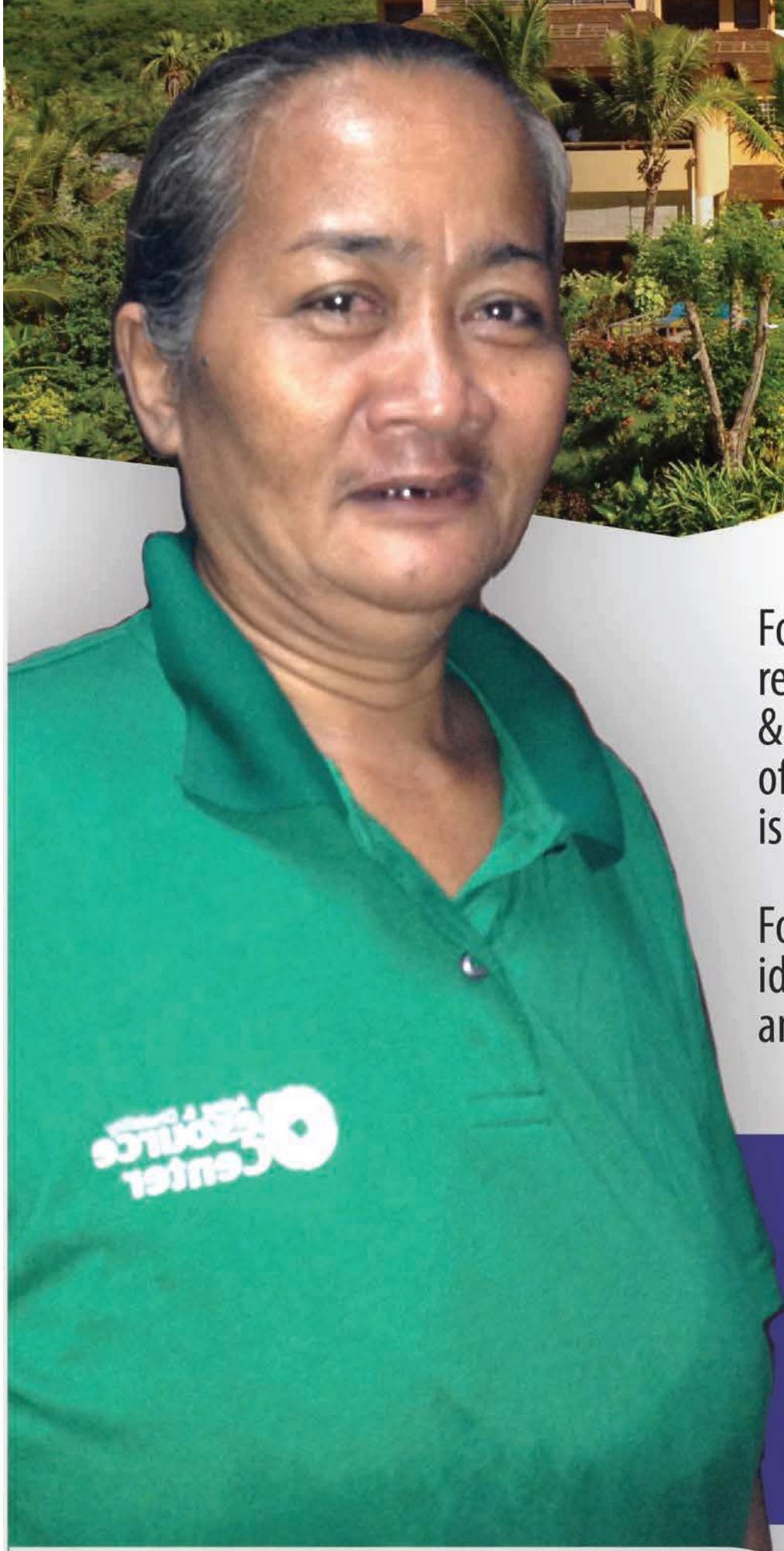
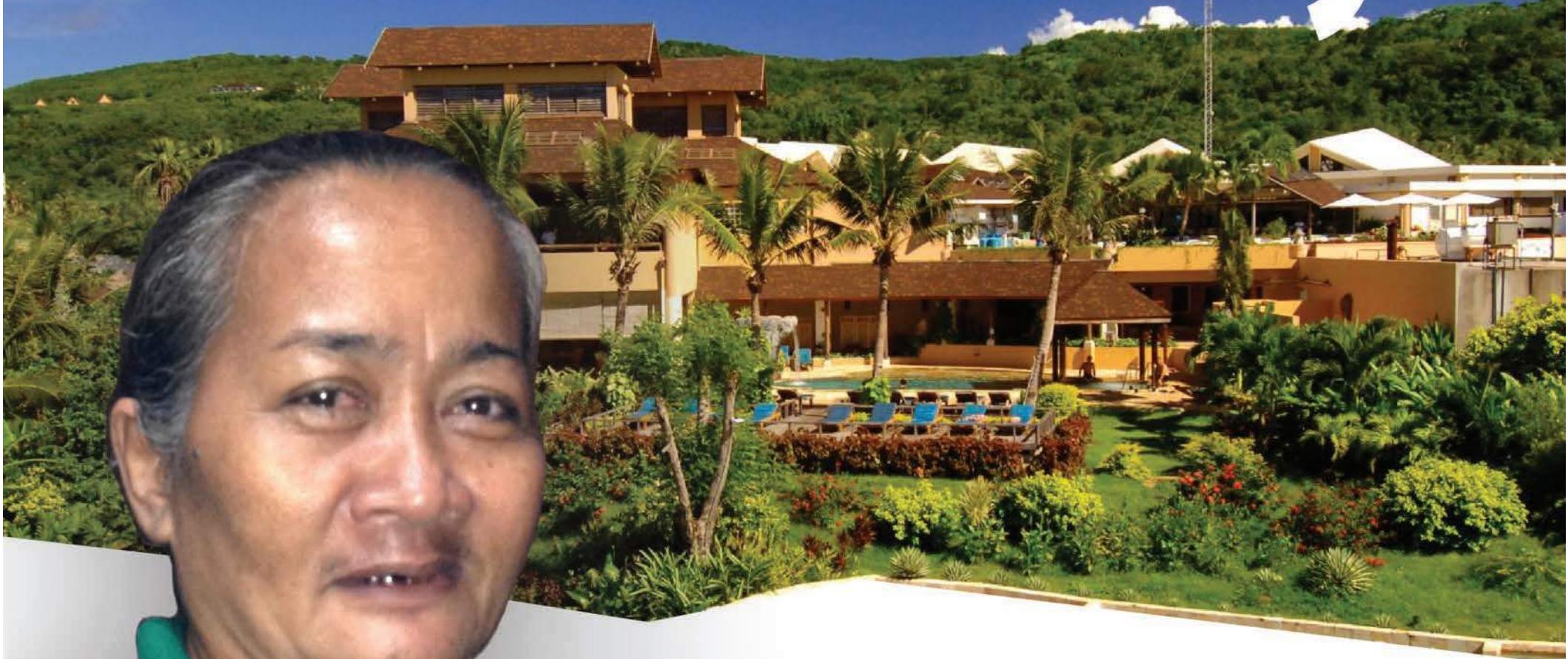
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CARE receives over \$35K worth of construction materials

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Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts stakeholders gathered at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute yesterday to receive the donation of construction materials from Bridge Capital LLC chief operating officer Jody Jordahl.

Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres expressed his gratitude to Jordahl, stating, "Throughout the government, we need private entities and with your contribution we make this recovery more of a reality."

NMTI chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres and director Rip Stephanson were thanked by CARE for their generosity in allowing Bridge



DAISY DEMAPAN
CARE stakeholders gather at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute to receive the donation of construction materials from Bridge Capital LLC. The construction materials will be used to rebuild the homes of those in need of assistance since Typhoon Soudelor.

Capital to store the materials at the NMTI warehouse.

McPhetres, in a plea to Bridge Capital, presented a letter to COO Jordahl, hinting at a possible partnership with the technical and trades institute.

"We need the facilities to move forward with our training. We really have to thank the late Tony Pellegrino for envisioning this but many of our classrooms were destroyed and we hope that you'll also consider

NMTI," she said.

She also added that, "This is a big help for those not qualified for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) or SBA (Small Business Administration) assistance."

The construction materials include 800 roof sheets, 700 pieces of U.S.-pressure treated lumber, 1,000 hurricane straps, 15,000 roof screws, 2,500 lbs of nails, and 50 gallons of roof cement that will be used toward the rebuilding of homes identified by CARE.

Bridge Capital has been an active network partner of CARE, which is a network of private and public entities identifying, facilitating, and delivering resources and long-term support to address the unmet needs of the community.

Sengebau Poetry Competition tonight

sia's foremost poet.

The competition has two divisions: junior and senior. For the junior division, 7th and 8th grade participants will recite their poem of choice from Sengebau's book, "Microchild."

The poem must be from the Cultural Identity, Politics, or Images sections; and students are asked to give a 1-3 minute introduction explaining why he/she chose the specific poem.

For the senior division, high school contestants must submit original poems of any form that does not exceed 250 words. Their poems must address themes relating to culture, identity, and/or change in the Northern Mariana Islands. Submitted poems will be scored by a panel of judges for content prior to the event.

The late Valentine N. Sengebau spent the last 25 years of his life in his adopted home of Saipan composing dozens of poems that were published in the *Micronesian Reporter* and *Marianas Variety*. The Palauan poet's writings expressed the personal joys and sorrows of his life and also explored the issues regarding loss of cultural identity in the islands as well as the political negotiations between the United States and Micronesia.

To ensure that his work will be enjoyed by future generations, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council published an anthology of Sengebau's poetry, "Microchild," in 2004.

The annual Valentine Sengebau Poetry Competition was established to support the work of young Micronesian poets and to honor the legacy of Micronesia.

For both divisions, recitals will be scored by a panel of judges at the event. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Final Competition this Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 at Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club. The public is invited to come show support for our young poets and admission is free.

Last year's winners were Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja for the junior division and Marianas High School for the senior division.

For more information, contact program officer Eulalia S. Villagomez at 235-4785. (PR)

Rotary receives over \$30K from sponsor club for disaster relief

Rotary Club of Saipan president Curtis Dancoe announced on Tuesday that the club has received over \$30,000 from their sponsor club to be used toward beautification and community relief projects following the Aug. 2 onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor.

Brian Clayton of Megabyte stated that existing supplies are being stored in his office and are awaiting distribution among schools when the club purchas-

es additional school supplies.

"We also need to fix the American Memorial Park playground, the Peace Memorial, and the Garapan skate park and complete dictionary distribution to the elementary schools," Dancoe added.

In addition to these projects, the club will soon begin repainting bus stops with the help of Interact and Rotaract members. (Daisy Demapan)

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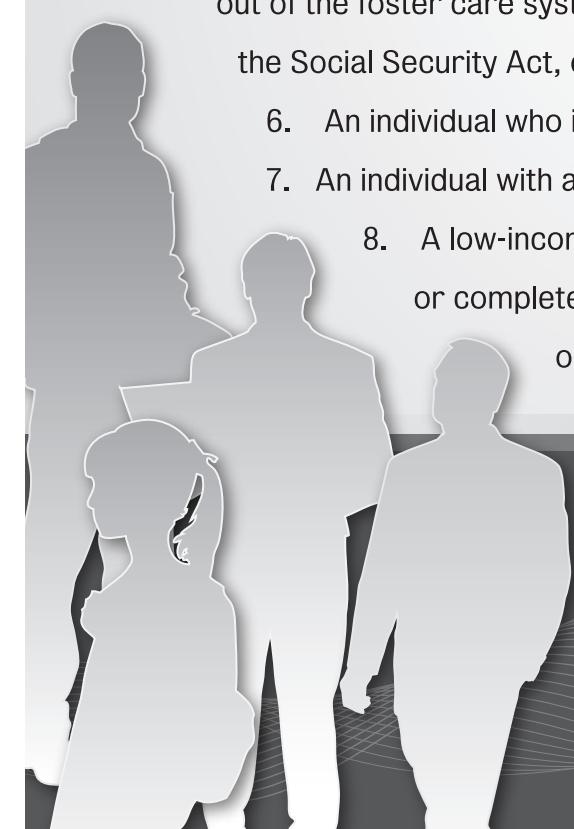
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SYP learns about the American Red Cross



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From left, Saipan Young Professionals co-chair Bobby Cruz, Jeaniffer Cubangbang, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, Victoria Aldan, Jiana Camacho, and Camille Orallo pose for a group shot.

As part of their Emergency Management Agency Month, the Saipan Young Professionals featured John Hirsh of the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross as this month's inspirational speaker.

Hirsh is the current executive director and senior disaster program manager for the non-profit organization. He shared general information about the Red Cross, their services, volunteer programs, and information from their recovery efforts in the aftermath of Supertyphoon Soudelor. He shared that approximately 180 youth volunteers and over 330 regular volunteers have donated their time and effort toward the Red Cross' typhoon relief and recovery programs.

"We've reached over 18,000 volunteer hours since Typhoon Soudelor," said Hirsh. He stated that many of the organization's regular volunteers continue to work daily to help in assisting those most affected by the Typhoon. Looking back at Typhoon Soudelor, Hirsh pointed out the importance of "Catastrophic Planning" to ensure a smoother process following a major natural disaster.

"No one anticipated that Typhoon Soudelor would be as strong as it was," said Hirsh. He encouraged SYP members, whether it is at their job or in their home, to run "what if?" scenarios to ensure that they are prepared for natural disasters in the future.

Aside from discussing the role that the Red Cross organization plays in the CNMI, Hirsh also pointed out the role that the organization plays in communities throughout the country.

"Whether you are experiencing the typhoon in Mexico, a fire in California or the typhoons in Saipan, the American Red Cross is somehow woven into people's everyday lives," said Hirsh.

He shared that the organization does much more than just disaster services, they also focus on Preparedness and Health

& Safety Services, Biomedical, Service to the Armed Forces, and International work.

During the presentation, SYP members Jiana Camacho and Victoria Aldan shared their recent volunteer experiences with the Red Cross and encourage other young professionals/youth to be proactive in making a positive difference. SYP chair Mable Ayuyu thanked Hirsh and the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross for their assistance immediately after the typhoon.

"From this presentation, I've learned that it's important to have a 'Disaster Plan' in place, especially if you are running a business. There were many challenges that were a direct result of Typhoon Soudelor, but it's important to keep in mind that you can learn from your experiences. You learn how to

react in a way that is effective in the face of calamities or natural disasters," said Ayuyu.

She also mentioned that many resource groups were formed because of Soudelor, including the VOAD, CNMI C.A.R.E., and Project Ayudu, to name a few. "There were events put together like the Business Recovery Fair, hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, all aimed towards educating the public to start formulating their disaster recovery plans for their homes or businesses," adds Ayuyu.

Looking into the future, Hirsh said that the Red Cross will be starting their Case Management work, providing an opportunity for volunteers to work on a part-time basis to assist in gathering data from families who have registered for assistance with FEMA and the American Red

Cross. He shared that much can be done to assist the Red Cross fulfill its mission, whether it would be to assist in outreach to young children or to dedicate your time to becoming a regular volunteer. The Saipan Young Professionals thanks

John Hirsh and the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter for continuing to make a difference for the CNMI.

For more information on any upcoming programs or events under the Saipan Young Professionals Committee or the Saipan

Chamber of Commerce, feel free to contact the Chamber office at 234-7150 or visit our website (www.saipanchamber.com) or our Facebook page. Our office is also located at Suite 315, 3rd floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. (SYP)

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The Benghazi panel's report must be bias-free

More than eight hours of testimony on Capitol Hill last Thursday yielded little new information about how—or if—the attack that killed a U.S. diplomat and three other Americans in Benghazi, Libya, could have been averted. The hearing of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton ended at 9 p.m., but the House Select Committee on Benghazi will continue its work.

Despite accusations that the committee is politically motivated, its stated purpose is important: to write a final, definitive account of what led to the fiery assault on Sept. 11, 2012, and what happened in its aftermath.

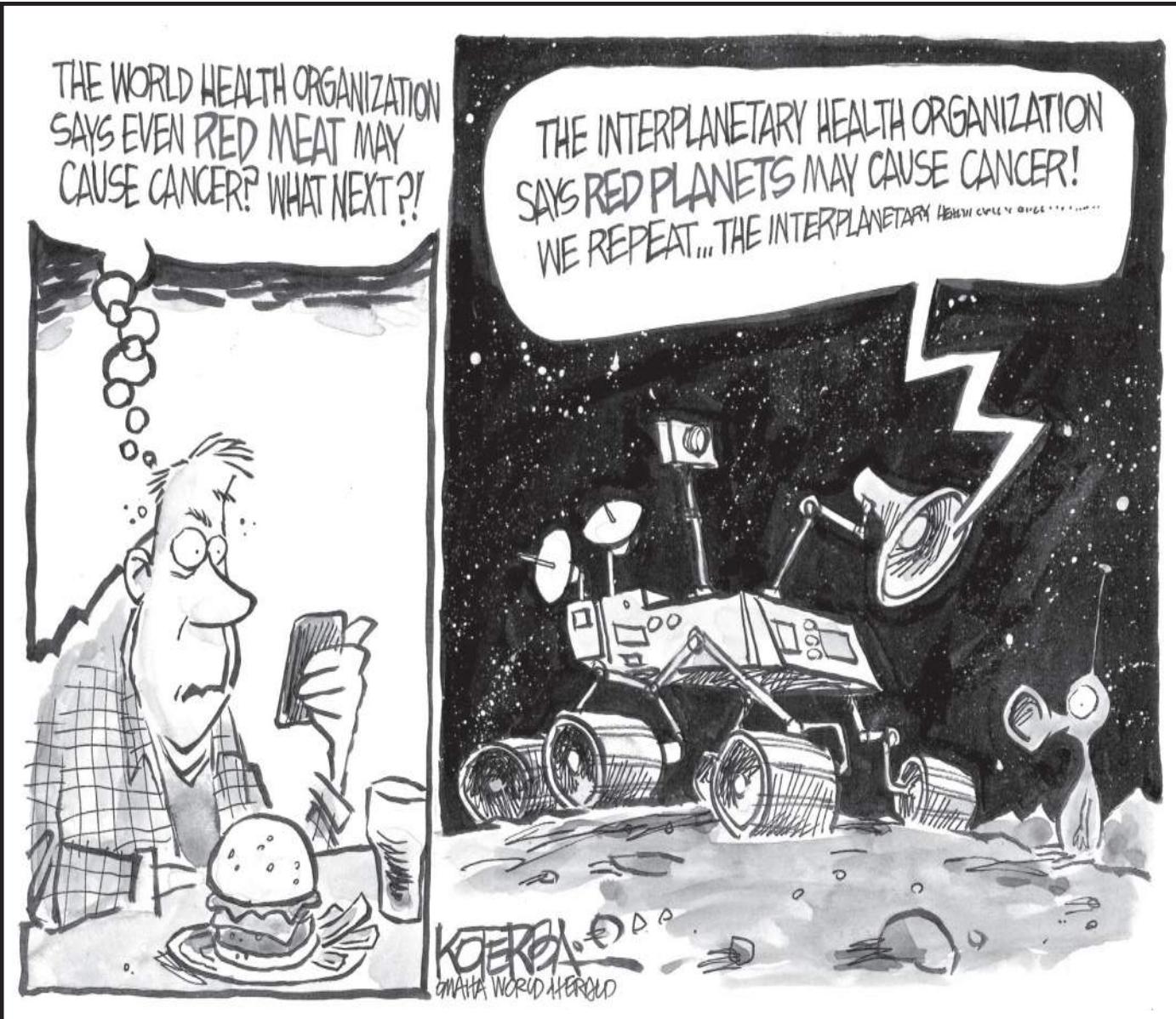
Clinton had been reluctant to appear before the panel, but she endured the day's questioning. Her stoic responses to House members revealed little new information, and Democrats on the committee used their turns at the microphone to decry what they called a "taxpayer-funded fishing expedition."

House Republicans may be fishing, but they are looking for sharks. The much publicized gaffe of Rep. Kevin McCarthy, in which he appeared to admit the committee was formed to damage Clinton's candidacy for the White House, does not extirpate the tragedy of Benghazi, nor excuse those involved from accountability.

Uncomfortable questions remain. Why, despite 600 requests for ramped-up security, was the embassy not sufficiently protected on the anniversary of 9/11? Why was the public led to believe that the attack was an impromptu uprising and not an orchestrated assault by al-Qaida?

The answers are important, and not only to the families of the men who died at the U.S. embassy that night. They are necessary to ensure that Benghazi never happens again.

As Clinton said last week, "It is deeply unfortunate that something as serious as what happened in Benghazi could ever be used for partisan political purposes." But it's more than unfortunate that J. Christopher Stevens, Tyrone Woods, Sean Smith and Glen Doherty lost their lives; it's an outrage. The committee must finish its work and give an honest accounting, free of political bias. The longer it takes, the more it will look like McCarthy was right.



Hinanau Kara' Moneda

Sinparat aminason familia ginen kumahulu' gasto siha. Gi mismu tiempu sumaga sin hatsada sueddron i tautau siha pot 14 años na tiempu. Tat ti chumichichi katkuet lugat gi enteru perlas guine siha na islas. Haf mohon futtuna-ta gi taiguine na kondision yan abarambau na kinalamten?

Todu gaston familia hu guatdia sin ditension. 'An ti presisu pues u sagra i sientimu gi halom pottanmonedahu. Hombre para apas mediku yan amot sumen makat na tiru pa'gu na biahe. Megai pumad-edese taimanu u fapoposgue na tiempu!

Guahu ha' i lañga' ni lumañgag umesalau kau para tafan losus ta'lu pot mampos fresku i mañglu' hegus' I Deni'. Dios tiampare na mañan losus ginen te'ug na katdun to'lañg! Gi mismu sakudida seguru na siempre u maribaha mas rinikohen kontribusion tax para i siguiente na dos años. Nahoñg mohon fiñkas para kubren apas CUC, CHC, PSS yan manritirau'

Ribosa makalelon titanos miyu ta'lu un' biahe. Abisa todum famaguon miyu ni mangai familia na uma-adadeh mauleg salape' para gastun familia. Pa'gu mas na biahe na debi u guaha satton na inadahe. Che'gue este pot sabasion!

Nesessidat: Yangin mayoria ti mumalagu'e na umachule' iya Pagan, pues haf siña in' rekomena pot adelanton linala' todum bandan fiñkas yan cho'chu'? Debi tana' balansia este pot konsiderasion mayotmente ni siempre numesessata cho'chu' para mantencion familiar niha. Yangin presisu na umabota, pues mauleg tachogue pot para takomple i asuntu gi hilu' dichu disision mayotmente.

Fuetsau: I tres ira ni lumuñu' Marianas—matai sistemam komunikasion yan dos destrosion pagyu—ha dismurona kinalamten ekonomian i tanu' sin ditension. Kasi i maseñala na \$145 miyon para umariko na kontribusion tax pa'gu na sakan dudayu' kau u posible.

Dispues, fuetsau debi u fan ma-utot todum gaston gobietnamentu pot para u guaha dididi' para gaston setbision publiku tat kumu hinemu, edukasion yan pas gi komunita. Siempre u tutuhon anog este na finatsu seriosamente kuattro esta sais mesis na tiempu. Gigan pañgañg este areglia ha'nen miyu ya in' gef adahe pottanmonedan familia.

Estague' na tiempu 'nai tai kampu hau mangasta sin presisu.

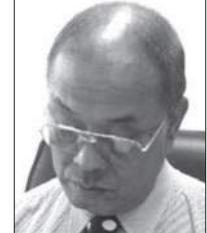
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Diskuidu: I chinatsaga ni siempre mas u didog lamayot patte diskuidon mamma' gasta. Lau ti namanman sa' tai guine dobladan

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rinesaken napu gi birada. Tat tiha chalapon ya hagu ni munanangu debi un' satban maisa hau.

Puede guaha dididi' mas kampu para tali'e' mina' tres na hinamol napu yan 'nai ha risakegue'. Hana'e' hit tiempu maneyag manñagu gi halom chubasku.

Kosus: Gi todum estadu giya America i gasto programan manritrau muna' kakara' i gobietnu. Parehu yan este, guaha \$789 miyon pesos na dibi debi i gobietnu u apase estake humanau i uttimu membro. Makat na obligacion. Estague' kasi mina' matai i programa ya ma-abandona ya ni unu malagu' umatreibung manofrese satbasion.

Gi finatai programa, mas ke tres mit (3,000) na empleo esta ti siña ma-añgoghu na guaha para katsun moneda para siha dispues de 20 años na setbisiu. Yangin mamomolu' hau gi programan 401K 'sino social security pat todum i dos pues guaha dididi' para nesesidatmu yan gastun hinemu'. Guaha ha' ayudun Medicaid para asunton hinemu'.

Programan Natibu: Sige hu tufuñg numeron officina manma establese pot natibu. Ha inklusu Indigenous Affairs, Women's Affairs, Carolinian Affairs, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, yan otru siha. Lau 'an ta atan kau guaha maseha un' programa para i tautau 'nai siña mana' guaha ayudun para u adelanta ha'nen niha, SERU!

Dispues, sessu mafuegun fabulas de chispas kasi pot kadu' guaha bidan niniha. SERU! Inipos mampos megai attension hombre ni un' programa guaha para hita. Todum este manhamalefata na ta u'upos nesesidat natibu ya ta letke kadu' todum mauleg? Debi tana' para i nuebu na kutturan "shoot, shoot, shoot" sa' esta ti sinisiñgun! Dios tiampare na diskuidu!

Orihinat: Umekuñgogyu' kantan "Chamorro" gi mapos na Dameñgo gi KKMP 92 FM. Manbonitu na sunidu siha ginen

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A guide to living a decent life today, courtesy of Walt Whitman

Everyone is afraid of being sexist or racist, or being branded as such. No one wants to offend members of the LGBT community. It almost seems to be the goal of many people's lives now not to offend anyone, ever.

I see the point. I'm on board. But I think the usual motives behind "do not offend" injunctions are almost entirely backward. Worse, the more we emphasize not giving offense, the more likely we are to miss bad behavior that is a lot more serious than a vulgar word or a painful joke.

The problem is, we are approaching questions of race and gender and sexuality by way of the negative: words we are not supposed to say, gestures we are not supposed to make. Don't cross the street to avoid passing a young black man. Don't smile at the latest in lesbian couture. Commit no micro-aggressions. Don't laugh at Chris Rock's jokes.

When I signed on to being a Walt Whitman-inspired democrat in the 1970s, I decided, among other things, that I'd quit getting down on people for being who they were: gay or straight, black or yellow or brown, male or female or in-between. But I didn't make this vow — which I admit I didn't fulfill completely then — out of guilt. What Whitman taught me, a white, working-class guy from around Boston, had very little to do with thou-shalt-nots. It had to do with openness, the kind that makes humans happy, or at least happier.

Whitman was a radical egalitarian: "No stander above men and women or apart." Instead of prohibitions, he pushed pleasure. He was curious. He was friendly. He understood, I think, that the basis for lasting social change wasn't so much a hunger for justice and fairness but the feeling that as different as we are, we all compose one being.

"I am of old and young, of the foolish as much as the wise, / Regardless of others, ever regardful of others, / Maternal as well as paternal, a child as well as a man, / Stuff'd with the stuff that is coarse and stuff'd with the stuff / That is fine, / One of the Nation

of many nations, the smallest the same and the largest the same."

He was above all practical: The best reason to put away hostility isn't to be a goody-goody or to placate your super-ego but to contribute a little something to making life better for you and everyone else.

Don't be this! Don't be that! Let's replace those dictates with what Whitman prescribes: Be friendly. Try to be open. Learn from other people. Treat them fairly. Don't let prejudices get in the way of a good time.

I understand that friendliness isn't going to solve our major social problems by itself. It's not going to cut the knot of mass incarceration, or income disparity, or make our schools better on its own. But when I hear Hillary Rodham Clinton say, "I don't believe you change hearts, I believe you change laws, you change allocation of resources, you change the way systems operate," I think, "Wrong." Laws change because hearts have been changed when people see that decency is tied to pleasure.

What prevents us from behaving Whitman's way? Here's a guess: If all you have to do to be "good" is to not be overtly sexist and racist and to not stigmatize gay people in public, then it's pretty easy. Just zip it at the right time.

You can still buy plenty of stuff. You can live in a big house. You can go on spiffy vacations. You can send your kids to an Ivy League college. You don't have to vote to pay more taxes so that black kids and brown kids and poor white kids can go to better schools. You don't have to help pick up the tab for day care so a low-income mom can take a few classes, or just take a break. You really don't have to do a thing but mind your manners and watch your mouth.

If you're white, you might also be inclined to avoid various people, lest you offend them. You can segregate yourself and segregate them. Is that a great result?

I believe there are such things as micro-aggressions. Turning to a

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young black woman you just met and expressing surprise at the fact that in high school she was on the tennis team or in the chess club isn't right. That's a micro-aggression. But "micro" is the word. It calls for a genially tart comeback, not an Internet campaign.

People now seem to believe that when they hear something that smacks of prejudice, they are encountering the tip of an iceberg. They assume there's plenty more where that comes from and it must be attacked with guns blazing. That's a Freudian way of thinking: A slip of the tongue or pen gives us tantalizing peeks into a person's unconscious, his deep, abiding character.

Maybe. I'm more inclined to think that people, and especially young people, are shifting and inconsistent in their identities. They are unformed and forming. When a white student laughs at a Chris Rock joke, I don't assume there's a mother lode of racism buried inside him or that he is about to become Grand Dragon of the West Texas branch of the Klan.

Whitman (and I) have a simple message: If people are truly going to get along, we need to ask something better of them than verbal hygiene, basic manners and subservience to the political super-ego. They have to give themselves to openness and friendliness: liberation, a good time, and maybe even some joy.

The rule of law has biblical roots

Many today read the Bible as the word of God. For those who do, the Bible is a living work, a book that speaks directly to us, guiding our beliefs and actions. For those who do not read the Bible that way, it nonetheless remains a work that has contributed significantly to our culture and civilization.

Many Europeans and Americans from the 16th through the 18th centuries turned to the Old Testament to understand what a nation devoted to liberty should look like. These "Christian Hebraists" had an influence on American history early on, and perhaps still do. What did they find when seeking the principles used to form the United States?

In answering this question, we must proceed with care. The Old Testament should not be read as if Moses had read the U.S. Constitution or "The Federalist Papers. We will not, for example, find in the Old Testament a developed conception of separation of powers, although there does seem to have been institutional differentiation, for example, between king and prophet.

There appears more clearly to have been a recognition of the danger of concentrated power, for even Kings David and Solomon, let alone Ahab, are described in a critical manner. David had his loyal soldier Uriah killed so he could pursue Uriah's wife, Bathsheba,

whom David had impregnated. Solomon had his elder brother, along with other political rivals, murdered so he could consolidate power. Ahab had Naboth murdered so he could steal his property.

These episodes were likely intended to emphasize for the reader the importance of Israelite laws. Those laws, as the Christian Hebrews realized, remain important for us today.

One important principle is that no one, not even the king, should be above the law. "When he (the king) has taken the throne, he shall have a copy of this law written for him. ... Let it remain with him and let him read it all his life ... to observe faithfully every word of this law and these statutes, neither raising himself above fellow Israelites nor turning aside from the law" (Deuteronomy 17:18-19).

The Israelites were further commanded to establish a judiciary with local courts and one central court. When disputes arose, there was to be a careful examination of the evidence, including testimony of multiple witnesses. This procedure was to ensure just decisions. "You shall not judge unfairly: You shall show no partiality; you shall not take bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and subvert the cause of those who are in the right" (Deuteronomy 16:19).

There was additional clarification as to what it means to judge

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fairly: "You shall not render an unfair judgment: Do not be partial to the poor or defer to the rich: Judge your countrymen fairly" (Leviticus 19:15). This latter principle insists upon equal treatment before the law, in which no distinction is made between rich and poor. We today call these principles the "rule of law," in contrast to the potentially capricious, discriminatory rule of one individual or group of individuals. These principles of the rule of law are necessary for liberty.

The Old Testament also insists upon the freedom of the nation in opposition to the ambitions of the Egyptian, Assyrian, and Babylonian empires. Today, we call this principle the "right of self-determination." We implicitly find this principle in the account of the Tower of Babel, i.e. Babylon, in Genesis 11, and explicitly in the repeated demands directed to the Egyptian Pharaoh to "Let my people go" (Exodus 5, 7, 8, 9).

Note, however, that the demand was that the Israelites should be free from the Pharaoh not to do whatever they wished, but to worship their God. Thus, as with the earlier ancient Mesopotamian conceptions of freedom expressed by the Akkadian nouns "amargi" and "anduraru," the freedom is qualified. It has more to do with reestablishing a previous condition before a burden, such as slavery or crushing taxes, was imposed than it does with being free to do as one pleases. The ancient Israelites were not libertarians.

The political and legal problems that the Old Testament wrestles with are also our problems. How are we to pursue the rule of law without the danger of concentrated power, which is so susceptible to abuse? And while the Old Testament does not focus primarily on the liberty of the individual, the problem of what is required to maintain the freedom of a just and righteous nation has been and remains an important problem of our Western heritage, worthy of our continual consideration.

HINANAU

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mankakanta na attista. Gi halom sientu (100) kasi dos `sino tres ha` huhuñgog orihiñat na kanta materiat, softa yan palabra.

Los dimas haf` na faktorian matransladan kantan otru deste as Kenny Rogers, Connie Frances, Pat Boone yan Glen Campbell. Magahet na taya` esta siña mañge` orihiñat na kanta Chamorro? Dispues, pinalo`pu` ni manlache siha na palabras kontra intension i tumuge` i orihiñat na kanta. Dios mihu!

Ilegña i unu, "Ti gi un` palasyon i riku `nai gaige tano`hu". Ke lau siña unna` hulat un` tanu` halom gi un` guma? Estague` linachiña i bastus na usun liñguahé.

I otro ilegna ti hana` hanau kattaña ya haf` taimanu u fattu `nai taya` kontestasion. Gi primet lugat un` chiget gi dibusion luga. Yangin ti unna` hanau, haf` taimanu ma-oppe` `nai ti marisibe? Kontestasion `nai gi primet lugat un` admitte na ti unna` hanau? Ti umadanche intension yan tai aksion gi tutuhon finu` i kanta. Kulan

fuetsau unna` fofo`na i karetan guaka sin un` onse i ga`ga`!

■■■

Estrakada: Kase guaha `nai in` hiñgog ayu na palabra i "dignu"? Hafa sustansiaña eni? Guaha `nai in` fagcha` e` atlibesña?

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No siankasuyu` sa` dañkulu pinegahu na konfiansa gi operasion depattamentun tanu`. Dispues, taya` hu didibi gi halom manma`gas ni manma-elihe. Hafa hu chogue mau`udai todú gi letran konstitution ni dumispone operasion yan fuñgsion DPL. Hu huñgog ha sasañgan dispues i genin gobietnu na malefayu` na guiya i gobietnu. Dinanche!

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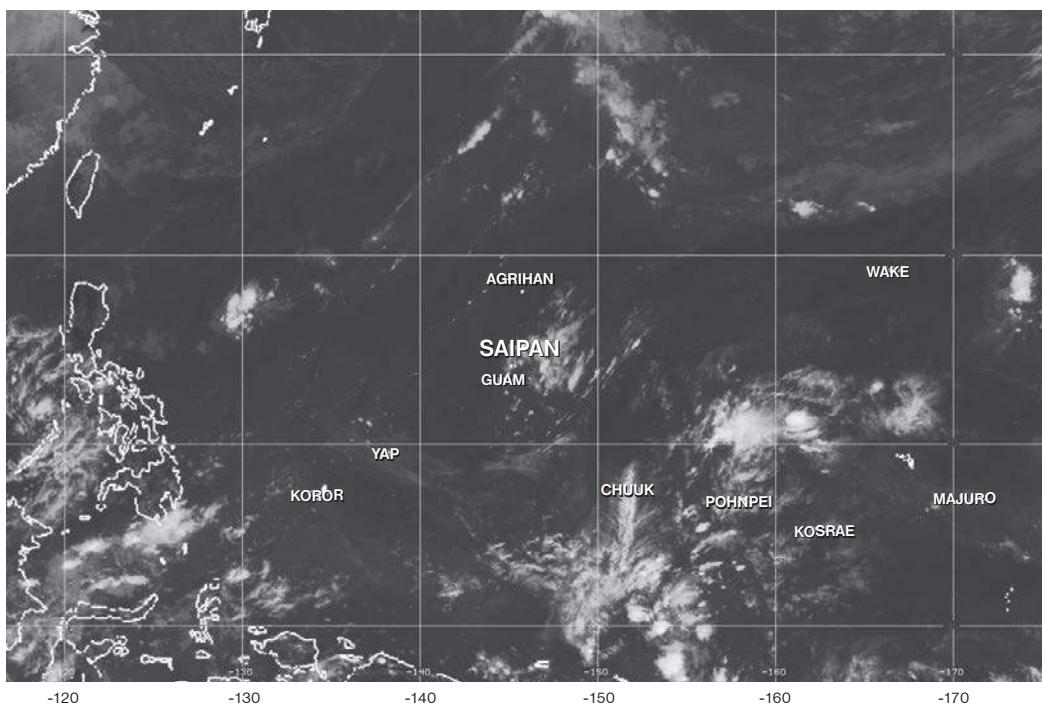
The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

TEMPERATURE
▲ 88° ▼ 77° **▲ 87° ▼ 77°** **▲ 88° ▼ 77°** **▲ 88° ▼ 77°** **▲ 88° ▼ 77°**

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Weak trade-wind disturbances are generating areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of the Marianas between 12N and 16N from 146E to 149E north of Pohnpei and Kosrae between 9N and 13N from 156E to 163E and east of Wake Island between 15N and 20N from 172E to the date line. An upper low is centered near the first disturbance near Guam at 12N144E. A trough curves northeast from this low to near 21N155E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Koror west of a line from 3N133E to EQ133E. A near equatorial trough extends east-southeast from 4N146E to 1N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen south of Chuuk south of a line from 6N145E to 3N156E. An old cold front curves southwest through 25N176E to 21N155E. Patchy cloudiness and showers are present along and north of the front to near 25N.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 78

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:36 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
10:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
4:02 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
9:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:33 PM	7:39 AM
Friday	8:29 PM	8:39 AM
Saturday	9:25 PM	9:38 AM
Sunday	10:20 PM	10:33 AM
Monday	11:13 PM	11:25 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:35am	3:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN	UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/2929	10:00am	9:20pm	3 via GUM
UA2924/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA2924/183	4:15am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/627	12:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
UA2924/183	4:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/2925	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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DELTA

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Snoopy becomes honorary Delta pilot

Sixty-five years ago, Snoopy, the World Famous Flying Ace, first took to the skies. In celebration of his larger-than-life adventures, Delta on Thursday bestowed the beloved beagle with the title of Honorary Delta Pilot during a ceremony at the Delta Flight Museum.

Snoopy reached his dream to earn his pilot wings in advance of the Nov. 6 release of the 20th Century Fox film, "The Peanuts Movie."

Joining Snoopy in the induction ceremony were Craig Schulz, Writer and Producer of "The Peanuts Movie"; Steve Martino, Director; and the talented voices behind Charlie Brown, Lucy, the Little Red-Haired Girl and Franklin.

John Boatright, president of the Delta Flight Museum, welcomed the guests on behalf of Delta people worldwide, along with Delta pilots and flight attendants; students from KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools and The Ron Clark Academy; and the Pope High School Marching Band and Flag Line from

Marietta, Ga.

In addition to receiving his wings, Snoopy was presented with an Honorary Pilot Certificate signed by Captain Steve Dickson, Delta senior vice president-Flight Operations.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the upcoming release of "The Peanuts Movie" and the history of an iconic family brand," said Boatright. "Similarly, the Delta Flight Museum advances the exploration of aviation history and the future of flight. We are proud to salute those who share our mission."

Martino noted that flying has been a large part of his life, including during his work on "The Peanuts Movie."

"Delta has been my commute from JFK to San Francisco," said Martino. "It's also wonderful to have a chance to visit Delta's great museum. When I first walked in, I was amazed."

Schulz, who is a private pilot and instructor, also shares a love for aviation.

"I want to climb inside the DC-3," said Schulz. (*Delta*)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Agape offers free math tutoring!

The Agape Math Warriors of the Agape Christian School are offering free math tutoring on weekdays from 6pm to 8pm. This free math tutoring is available to the first 30 students who get C or lower in math. Bring pencil, eraser, scratch paper, and school math textbook.

If you are interested, contact Claire Song at (670) 989-6699 or email Agape at agapemathtutoring@gmail.com, or you can come to Agape Christian School during schooldays from 3pm to 5pm. The opening ceremony will be at 7pm on Monday, Nov 2, 2015. This event is sponsored by Modern Office Supply. (*PR*)

Military training at Warning Area 517 tomorrow

The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 tomorrow, Oct. 30, from 8am to 4pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the area during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of air-space that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (*PR*)

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Business

Volkswagen CEO apologizes for emissions scandal at auto show

TOKYO (AP)—Volkswagen's new chief executive Herbert Diess apologized at the Tokyo auto show Wednesday for the automaker's emissions-cheating scandal, promising to win back customer trust, and said it will delay the launch of a diesel vehicle in Japan.

The head of VW's Japan division Sven Stein, who appeared at the VW booth before Diess, bowed for several seconds in a Japanese style of apology. Diess made no bow.

"On behalf of my entire company, I'd like to apologize," said Diess, a recent hire from BMW, stressing that the priority is to fix the problem, uncover what happened and make sure the scandal never happens again.

Volkswagen is engulfed in a crisis after U.S. authorities found its diesel vehicles had software installed that allowed the cars to cheat emissions tests. On the road, the vehicles were in fact emitting pollutants at levels many times higher than adver-

tised. The automaker faces recalls for millions of vehicles and punishing fines.

"We are doing everything we can to bring back this trust in our brand," said Diess.

Diess

He promised to "create a new and even better Volkswagen," rallying behind the principles of "innovation, responsibility and lasting value." Then Stein and Diess unveiled a plug-in hybrid sport utility vehicle, pulling back a cloth covering a car on the stage.

Stein acknowledged after the presentation that sales in Japan had plummeted, more than by a third, although other factors besides the scandal, such as the lack of new models, compared to last year, may also be behind the plunge.

The launch of a diesel model in Japan, which had been planned for the first quarter of next year, will be delayed until

the second half, according to Volkswagen.

Although the vehicle does not have the same diesel engine involved in the scandal, Stein said he wanted to allay customer worries

The Japanese market is dominated by powerful local manufacturers such as Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co., but Volkswagen has done relatively well compared with U.S. rivals. Volkswagen sells about 60,000 vehicles in Japan a year, with some 600,000 Volkswagen owners on the roads, according to VW.

In global vehicle sales, a closely watched indicator for an automaker's resonance with customers worldwide, VW had come out No. 1 in the first half of this year, beating Toyota. But after the first three quarters, Toyota was again on top. The scandal surfaced in September.

Green self-driving cars take center stage at Tokyo auto show

TOKYO (AP)—Visions of cars that drive themselves without emitting a bit of pollution while entertaining passengers with online movies and social media are what's taking center stage at the Tokyo Motor Show.

Japan, home to the world's top-selling automaker, has a younger generation disinterested in buying, owning or driving cars. The show is about wooing them back. It's also about pushing an ambitious government-backed vision for the future that paints Japan as a leader in automated driving technology.

Reporters got a preview look at the biannual exhibition Wednesday, ahead of its opening to the public Oct. 30.

Nissan Motor Co. showed a concept vehicle, loaded with laser scanners, an eight-way 360 degree camera setup, a radar

and computer chips so the car can "think" to deliver autonomous driving. The Japanese automaker called it IDS, which stands for "intelligent driving system."

Nissan, based in Yokohama, Japan, said it will offer some autonomous driving features by the end of next year in Japan. By 2018, it said the vehicle with the technology will be able to conduct lane changes on highways. By 2020, such vehicles will be able to make their way through intersections on regular urban roads.

Nissan officials said they were working hard to make the car smart enough to recognize the difference between a red traffic light and a tail light, learn how to turn on intersections where white lane indicators might be missing and anticipate

from body language when a pedestrian might cross a street.

Nissan's IDS vehicle is also electric, with a new battery that's more powerful than the one currently on its Leaf electric vehicle. Although production and sales plans were still undecided, it can travel a longer distance on a single charge and recharge more quickly.

A major challenge for cars that drive themselves is winning social acceptance. They would have to share the roads with normal cars with drivers, as well as with pedestrians, animals and unexpected objects.

That's why some automakers at the show are packing the technology into what looks more like a golf cart or scooter than a car, such as Honda Motor Co.'s cubicle-like Wander Stand and Wander Walker scooter.

Walgreens buying Rite Aid, creating drugstore giant

NEW YORK (AP)—Walgreens is buying rival Rite Aid for about \$9.41 billion in cash, creating a drugstore giant with nearly 18,000 stores around the world.

The deal combines the largest and third-largest U.S. drugstore chains, based on store counts. And it makes one of the world's largest pharmaceutical buyers even bigger at a time when other key health care players like insurers and drugmakers also are expanding through multi-billion dollar deals.

Walgreens said it will pay \$9 for each share of Rite Aid Corp. That's a 48 percent premium to Rite Aid's closing price of \$6.08 Monday. Shares of both companies jumped Tuesday after The

Wall Street Journal first reported the deal.

The companies said the deal is worth \$17.2 billion, when debt is included.

Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. has more than 13,100 stores around the world. Rite Aid, which is based in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, has more than 4,600 stores in the U.S.

The companies expect the deal to close in the second half of next year, although given that it is combining the No. 1 and No. 3 players in its industry, it could draw close scrutiny from anti-trust regulators.

It comes less than a year after Walgreens bought European health and beauty retailer Alli-

ance Boots. Besides its namesake stores, Deerfield, Illinois-based Walgreens also owns Duane Reade stores in the U.S.

A combination with Rite Aid will give Walgreens additional purchasing power in negotiating prices with drug companies, a hot topic given the rapid rise in cost for some prescriptions.

Adding Rite Aid's stores could also help Walgreens lower price for its customers because its growing volume of prescriptions would put it in a better position in talks with drug providers.

Rite Aid stores will initially keep its name after the deal closes, Walgreens said, but that may change over time.

Striving to end a cycle of crisis, congressional leaders and the White House united Tuesday behind an ambitious budget and debt deal aimed at restoring a semblance of order to Capitol Hill and ending the threat of government shutdowns and defaults until well after a new president takes office.

The outgoing House speaker, Republican John Boehner of Ohio, prepared to push the deal through his unruly chamber on Wednesday as his last act before departing Congress at the end of the week.

All but forced to resign under conservative pressure, Boehner was nonetheless going out on his own terms. The budget deal stands as an in-your-face rebuttal to

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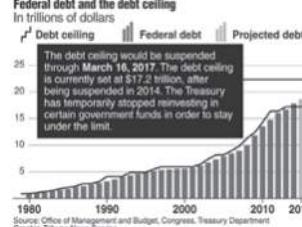
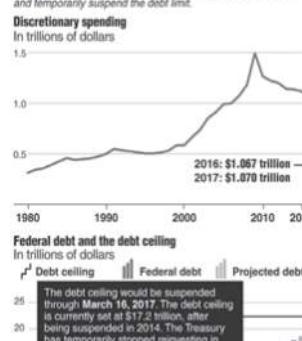
No shutdown, no default: Congress leaders, Obama back budget deal

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Budget deal

The White House and Congressional leadership have reached an agreement on a bill that would set spending for 2016 and 2017 and temporarily suspend the debt limit.



his hardline antagonists, on Capitol Hill and off, who angrily oppose spending increases and compromises with Democratic President Barack Obama.

They seethed but acknowledg-

Anemic report card for nation's school kids

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's a not-so rosy report card for the nation's schoolchildren.

Math scores slipped for fourth and eighth graders over the last two years, and reading grades were not much better, flat for fourth graders and lower for eighth graders, according to the 2015 Nation's Report Card.

The results of the test, officially known as the National Assessment of Educational Progress or NAEP, were released Wednesday.

The report suggests students have a ways to go to demonstrate a solid grasp or mastery of their reading and math skills.

Only about a third of the nation's eighth-graders were at proficient or above in math and reading. Among fourth graders,

"We should expect scores in this period to bounce around some, and I think that 'implementation dip' is part of what we're seeing here," Duncan said in a phone call with reporters. "I would caution ev-

eryone to be careful about drawing conclusions ... anyone who claims to have this all figured out is pedaling a personal agenda, rather than an educational one."

Reacting to the scores, Chris Minnich, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers, said one year's worth of data shouldn't send the nation's schools and teachers off in a different direction.

"Having the higher academic standards caused the states and teachers and districts to change the way they're teaching certain things," Minnich said in an interview. "We may be in a place where some of the questions that are asked on this national test aren't being taught at the same time they were being taught before."

Arrest of girl who texted in class prompts civil rights case

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A girl who refused to surrender her phone after texting in math class was flipped backward and tossed across the classroom floor by a sheriff's deputy, prompting a federal civil rights probe on Tuesday.

The sheriff said the girl "may have had a rug burn" but was not injured, and said the teacher and vice principal felt the officer acted appropriately. Still, videos of the confrontation between a white officer and black girl stirred such outrage that he called the FBI and Justice Department for help.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott suspended Senior Deputy Ben Fields without pay, and said what he did at Spring Valley High School in Columbia made him want to "throw up."

"Literally, it just makes you

sick to your stomach when you see that initial video. But again, that's a snapshot," he said.

Videos taken by students and posted online show Fields warning the girl to leave her seat or be forcibly removed on Monday. The officer then wraps a forearm around her neck, flips her and the desk backward onto the floor, tosses her toward the front of the classroom and handcuffs her.

Lott pointed out at a news conference that the girl can also be seen trying to strike the officer as she was being taken down, but said he's focused on the deputy's actions as he decides within 24 hours whether Fields should remain on the force.

"I think sometimes our officers are put in uncomfortable positions when a teacher can't

edged they were powerless to stop an agreement all but certain to pass with votes from Democrats and a fair number of Republicans. Boehner brushed off their complaints, declaring that he intended to make good on his promise to leave a "clean barn" for his successor, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who is set to get the GOP nomination for speaker on Wednesday and win election on the House floor the day after that.

"I didn't want him to walk into a dirty barn full of you-know-what. So I've done my best to try to clean it up," a good-humored Boehner told reporters after a closed-door gathering of House Republicans, his last such weekly meeting after nearly five years as speaker and a quarter-century on Capitol Hill.

Everyone to be careful about drawing conclusions ... anyone who claims to have this all figured out is pedaling a personal agenda, rather than an educational one."

And the report found a continuing achievement gap between white and black students. There were a few bright spots. The District of Columbia and Mississippi both saw substantial gains in reading and math.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan urged parents, teachers, and others not to panic about the scores as states embrace higher academic standards, such as Common Core.

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Email, phone and text messages for Fields were not returned.

The deputy also arrested a second student who verbally objected to his actions. Both girls were charged with disturbing schools and released to their parents. Their names were not officially released.

The second student, Niya Kenny, told WLTX-TV that she felt she had to say something. Doris Kenny said she's proud her daughter was "brave enough to speak out against what was going on."

Appearing on MSNBC Tuesday night, Niya Kenny said an administrator told her to sit down, be quiet and to put her cellphone away. She refused.

"This is not right. This is

Asia

China summons US ambassador to Navy protest ship near reef

BEIJING (AP)—China summoned the American ambassador to protest the U.S. Navy's sailing of a warship close to one of China's artificial islands in the South China Sea, in an act that challenged Chinese sovereignty claims.

China's Foreign Ministry said on its website Wednesday that Executive Vice Minister Zhang Yesui told Max Bacaus that the U.S. had acted in defiance of repeated Chinese objections and had threatened China's sovereignty and security. While offering no details, Zhang said Tuesday's "provocative" maneuver also placed personnel and infrastructure on the island in jeopardy.

China was "extremely dissatisfied and a resolutely opposed" the U.S. actions, the ministry said. The U.S. State Department declined to confirm the Tuesday meeting, or comment on any remarks made on the issue.

China says authorities monitored and warned the destroyer USS Lassen as it entered what China claims as a 12-mile (21-kilometer) territorial limit around Subi Reef in the Spratly Islands archipelago, a group of reefs, islets, and atolls where the Philippines has competing claims.



of pushing back against China's growing assertiveness in the South China Sea. U.S. ally the Philippines welcomed the move as a way of helping maintain "a balance of power."

The sail-past fits a U.S. policy

Residents in quake-hit Pakistan demand help to rebuild homes

SHANGLA, PAKISTAN (AP)—Residents in a northwestern Pakistani town that was among the worst-affected by this week's massive earthquake were seeking government help Wednesday to rebuild their damaged homes, after spending the second straight night with relatives.

Authorities said Monday's quake damaged 8,453 homes and 113 schools in Pakistan's impoverished northwest.

Rescuers in Afghanistan and Pakistan are struggling to reach regions stricken by the magnitude-7.5 quake, which was centered in Afghanistan's sparsely populated Badakhshan province that borders

Pakistan, Tajikistan and China. The quake left at least 258 people dead in Pakistan, 115 in Afghanistan and three on the Indian side of the disputed region of Kashmir.

Casualty figures are likely to leap once relief workers return from remote villages that can be accessed only by foot or donkey.

The earthquake, with its epicenter close to the Badakhshan district of Jarm, damaged many of the few existing roads, officials said. Dropping aid by air will be the only way to reach many of the needy, but those operations are not likely to start for many days, until survey teams on foot return and report on the damage.

Monday's quake shook buildings in the capital, Islamabad, and cities elsewhere in Pakistan and Afghanistan for up to 45 seconds in the early afternoon, creating cracks in walls and causing blackouts.

arrested Sunday and released on bail by a military court on Monday after spending the night at a police station, police Col. Rangsan Praditpol said.

Philippines says it can't permanently house Aussie refugees

MANILA, PHILIPPINES (AP)—The Philippines is unable to permanently resettle refugees from Australian-run detention camps as it attempts to provide for its own people, President Benigno Aquino III said Tuesday. Aquino said his government is seriously studying an Australian proposal that it accept refugees now in Australian-run camps in Nauru and Papua New Guinea, but there are limitations to what it can do as a developing country. Australia refuses to accept refugees who attempt to reach

its shores by boat.

Poll: New Australia prime minister's popularity grows

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA (AP)—Australia's new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's popularity is growing while the opposition leader Bill Shorten's popularity has reached a new low, according to an influential opinion poll published on Tuesday. The poll by the Sydney-based market researcher Newspoll validates the ruling Liberal Party's decision to dump Turnbull's unpopular predecessor, Prime Minister Tony Abbott, ahead of elections late next year. Since Turnbull ousted Abbott in a leadership ballot of government lawmakers on Sept. 14, the center-right leader's popularity has tracked up in three successive Newspolls.

World

Residency proposal unnerves Jerusalem's Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP)—An Israeli proposal that could potentially strip tens of thousands of Palestinians in Jerusalem of their residency rights has sent shudders through the targeted Arab neighborhoods—areas that were dumped outside Israel's separation barrier a decade ago, even though they are within the city's boundaries.

The government's review of the status of these neighborhoods, home to tens of thousands of people, illustrates the fragile position of Palestinians in a city where they have long suffered discrimination and are caught between the pragmatic conveniences of living under Israeli control and the loyalties to the Palestinian cause.

With few exceptions, Jerusalem's Palestinians are not Israeli citizens, and instead hold residency status that can be revoked. Removing residency rights en masse appears

highly unlikely due to legal hurdles and domestic and international opposition. But government critics said the fact that it is even being discussed sent an ominous message to Palestinians.

"There is nothing permanent about permanent residency," said Judith Oppenheimer, executive director of Ir Amim, an advocacy group that promotes coexistence and equality in the city. "This is another reminder for them how conditional that status is."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the review at a recent meeting called to discuss a wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence that has roiled the area in the past month. About a third of the city's 300,000 Palestinians live in these neighborhoods.

An official who attended the meeting said the review would look at "all the issues" affecting these neighborhoods,

Russia pounds Syrian rebels, then reaches out to opposition

BEIRUT (AP)—When Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said his country was ready to aid Syrian rebels fighting the Islamic State group, rebel commanders scoffed, pointing out that Russian aircraft were pounding their bases in central and northern Syria on a daily basis.

Moreover, Lavrov not long ago had ridiculed the main Western-backed rebels known as the Free Syrian Army, calling the group a "phantom structure."

But some in the Syrian opposition are wondering whether the Russian offer, for all its ambiguity, might be worth seizing in order to test Moscow's commitment to finding a negotiated solution to the four-year civil war. The seem-

ing change of tune is in sharp contrast to the stance of Syrian President Bashar Assad, who considers all rebels on the ground to be terrorists.

"Maybe there is a disconnect between the regime's discourse and that of the Russians," said Munzer Abik, of the Syrian National Coalition, an opposition group in exile that coordinates with the Free Syrian Army.

"We are watching cautiously in the coming days to see if they are serious about finding a political solution through a real transition of power, or if they are simply maneuvering to gain time," he said. "The rebel commanders are considering this possibility ... If they sit with (Russian officials), they say they can find out if they are bluffing."

Russia says it has already met with rebel commanders in Moscow, a claim denied by the opposition and their political allies. But some mediators and politicians who coordinate with the Free Syrian Army say the Russians have reached out to the rebels, either to individual commanders on the ground or through mediators.

Lavrov first made the offer last week. On Tuesday, he repeated it, saying, "We would like and would be ready to help not only the Syrian army, but all opposition units confronting terrorists on the ground in Syria." He said Moscow was reaching out to the United States and countries in the region to help locate moderate and anti-terrorist opposition factions in Syria.

IS militants tie captives to Palmyra columns, blow them up

BEIRUT (AP)—The Islamic State group killed three of its captives in Syria's ancient city of Palmyra by tying them to Roman-era columns at the site, then blowing the structures up with explosives, activists said Tuesday.

The Palmyra explosions were the latest method of killing by IS militants, known for beheadings, immolation and drowning of prisoners.

A Palmyra activist who goes by the name Nasser al-Thaer said that the killings of the three captives took place on Monday afternoon at the Palmyra archaeological site, located a few kilometers (miles) away from the city.

Al-Thaer and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists on the ground, said the three were civilians but that their identities remain unknown.

Earlier this week, IS posted images on social media purported to show its members driving a tank over a captured government soldier, allegedly to revenge what it said was his driving over IS militants. The group is known to have tanks, mostly captured in battle from Syrian troops or in the territory it holds in neighboring Iraq.

IS has also destroyed many of the ancient Palmyra's Roman-era relics, including the

magnificent Temple of Bel and the iconic Arch of Triumph. IS captured Palmyra from government forces in May, and considers such relics as promoting idolatry. But scientists say the group resorts to promoting and documenting such attacks also for their shock value, to spread awe and fear. The group has relied on looting and selling such antiquities on the black market for revenue.

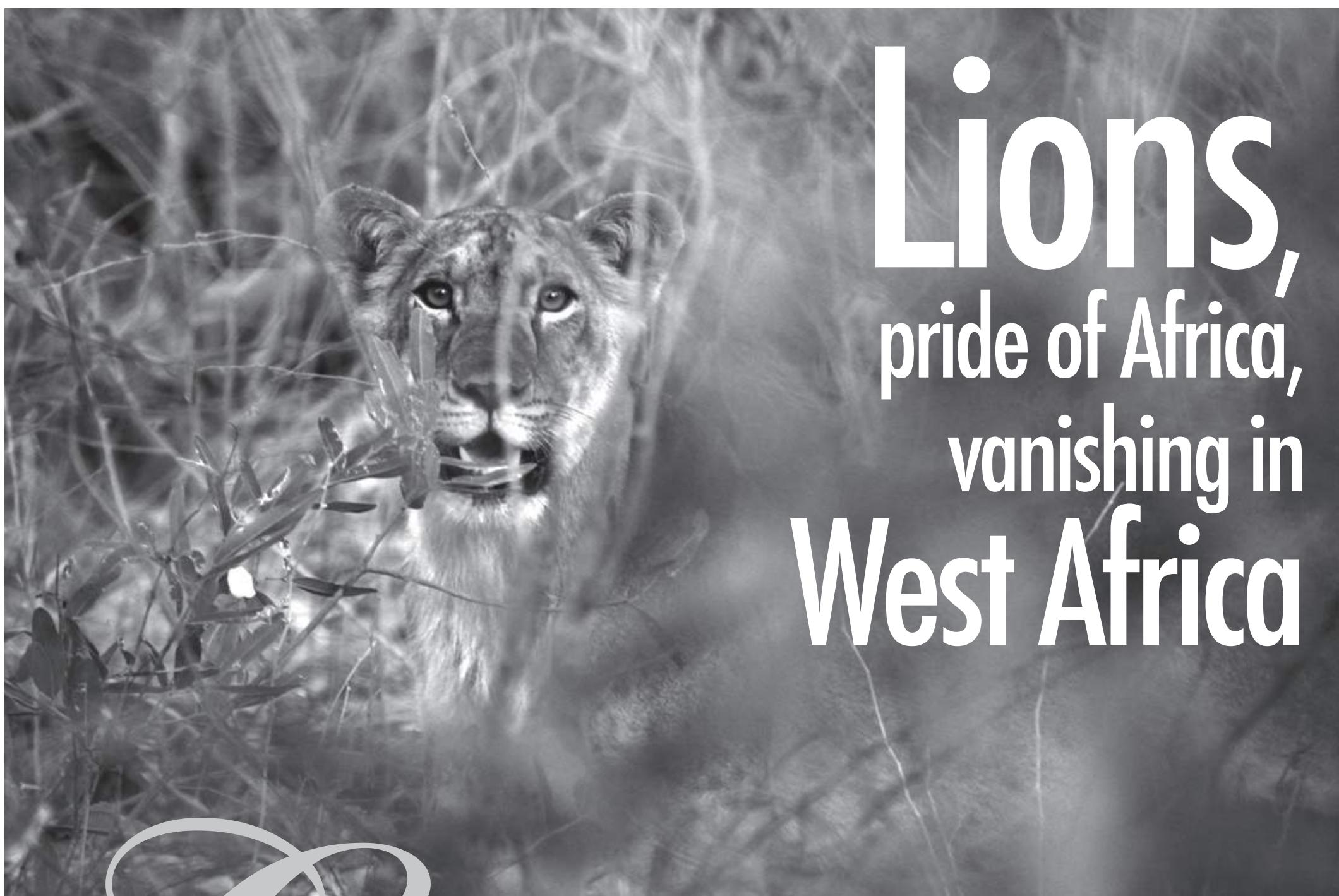
Also Tuesday, Turkey confirmed that its military this week attacked the main Kurdish force across the border in northern Syria, a key ally of the United States in its efforts to defeat the Islamic State.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Ex-teacher charged with sedition for Thai protest support

BANGKOK (AP)—A 77-year-old retired schoolteacher in Thailand was stopped as he was leaving the country on vacation and arrested on sedition charges for giving flowers to an anti-military protester earlier this year, officials said Tuesday. A lawyer for Preecha Kaewbanpaew said his client gave flowers to, and briefly walked with, one of four demonstrators who staged a peaceful protest in March against the use of military courts to try civilians. The practice, mainly for political offenses, began last year after the army overthrew an elected civilian government. The broadly defined sedition law provides for up to seven years in prison for inciting unrest. Preecha was

Focus



Lions, pride of Africa, vanishing in West Africa

AP
This Friday, July 13, 2012, photo released by Philipp Henschel shows a male lion cub that is one of a few remaining in Nigeria's Yankari National Park. New research published Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, shows sharp declines since 1990 in nearly all lion populations in West and Central Africa, and that both regions risk losing half their lions within the next two decades.

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Lions, that symbol of Africa's wild beauty, power and freedom, no longer roam in Mali. Or in Ivory Coast or Ghana or war-shattered eastern Congo. Or most of the rest of West Africa.

Three years of searching and no sight of a lion for Philipp Henschel, lion survey coordinator for the New York-based Panthera conservation group. A

Then he saw it, his first lion in West Africa. And in all of places, Nigeria.

"It came as a big surprise because Nigeria has by far the biggest human population on the continent, and the national parks are fairly small compared to others in West Africa that already have lost their lions," Henschel told The Associated Press.

"Everyone was excited, including rangers from Nigeria's National Park Service - it was the first time they had seen one too."

That was in 2009. The count was depressing: 25 to 30 lions left in Kainji Lake National Park in west-central Nigeria and only about five in the east-central Yankari National Park. Three years earlier, Nigerian conservationists had reported lions present in six protected areas, but they had apparently disappeared in four of them, Henschel said.

Henschel has gone on to survey all 21 protected areas believed to harbor lions in West Africa. He has seen only nine lions in four reserves, including Senegal's Niokolo-Koba National Park and the trans-frontier Pendjari and Arli National Parks of Benin and Burkina Faso.

His research, published last year, reported that

lions no longer exist in 99 percent of their historic range in West Africa - a finding that prompted the International Union for Conservation of Nature to put the lions of West Africa on its Red List as critically endangered.

The situation is dire in much of Africa.

New research published Monday shows sharp declines since 1990 in nearly all lion populations in West and Central Africa, and that both regions risk losing half their lions within the next two decades. East Africa stands a 37 percent chance of halving its lion population over the same period, according to the survey published in the Proceedings of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and written by researchers including Henschel.

Lion populations are increasing in only four southern African nations: Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, where most lions are in fenced reserves, the survey found.

With the international spotlight on lion conservation intensified by outrage over the killing this year of Cecil the lion in Zimbabwe by an American hunter, Henschel's Panthera group hopes to attract funding from conservation agencies and Nigerian philanthropists to make sure lions do not disappear here.

Panthera and the Oxford University-based WildCRU are hosting a Cecil Summit in February in Oxford to draw attention to the threat to lions

like Cecil, who conservationists say was lured out of a protected area in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park before being wounded with a bow and arrow and then tracked down and killed.

Lions roamed much of the world, from Africa, across Europe and Asia, and even North America until about 11,000 years ago, Henschel said.

Today, they exist only in India and Africa. In India, about 500 lions remain, all in Gujarat state, according to state officials. Fewer than 20,000 lions roam the wilds in all of Africa, according to an estimate from the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

In West Africa, only 400 lions remain, according to Henschel's research, making them likely the most endangered lions on the planet.

In the competition for land and food between lions and humans, the king of the jungle is losing. The decline is due to growing populations of peasant farmers encroaching on their traditional ranges, poachers feeding a growing appetite for bush meat, like antelopes, that are lions' sole food source, and global warming fueling a deadly conflict for grazing land between nomadic herders and farmers, leaving even less space for lions.

The trophy hunting that killed Cecil is legal in only two West African countries, Burkina Faso and Benin, but the number of kills that once caused local declines has diminished since the European Union banned imports of lion trophies from both countries over the past year.

Before that, the EU used to be the largest importer of lion kills from the region, Henschel said, adding that the U.S. is considering listing the West African lion as endangered under its Endangered Species Act, which would prevent trophy imports by American hunters.

With their short manes or none at all, West African lions look more like Asian lions than their southern and east African cousins. They are celebrated in Nigeria as a national symbol of pride in paintings on buses, the logo of the National Park Service and even a cement label, but they have proved easy to kill. When lions stray from protected areas and kill cattle, herds-men will sometimes poison the cow's carcass to kill the lion, Henschel said.

The 40-year-old Henschel has lived nearly half his life in Gabon, nurturing a dream to re-establish a lion population in that West African nation after their two-decade-long absence.

Suddenly, it could become a reality. In January, a researcher studying chimpanzees accidentally filmed a lion. Primate researcher Ivonne Kienast of the Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology caught the image in Gabon's Bateke Plateau National Park, where lions have not been sighted since 1995. It probably strayed across the border from Congo, Henschel thinks.

Researchers were amazed. But the lion, a magnificent specimen at just the right age for breeding at about 4Ω years old, remains in solitary residence 10 months later. He's been nicknamed Ali, after Gabon's President Ali Bongo, who Henschel says is a big cat lover. Now Panthera, the German-based Max Planck Institute and Gabonese wildlife officials are searching for two females to create a self-sustaining lion population in the park.

Elsewhere in West Africa, the prospects are bleak.

"We have to confront that reality," said Panthera president Luke Hunter. "Lions and people both evolved in Africa and co-existed for millennia, but today, one is losing the race for survival."

Environment

By WILLIAM YARDLEY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—Measure twice, cut once, they say. Unless you are trying to save the planet.

In that case, measure and cut constantly.

Rising calls to create cleaner air and limit climate change are driving a surge in new technology for measuring air emissions and other pollutants—a data revolution that is opening new windows into the micro-mechanics of environmental damage.

The momentum for new monitoring tools is rooted in increasingly stringent regulations, including California's cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gas emissions, and newly tightened federal standards and programs to monitor drought and soil contamination.

A variety of clean-tech companies have arisen to help industries meet the new requirements, but the new tools and data are also being created by academics, tinkerers and concerned citizens—just ask Volkswagen, whose deceptive efforts to skirt emissions-testing standards were discovered with the help of a small university lab in West Virginia.

Taking it all into account, the Earth is coming under an unprecedented new level of scrutiny.

For more than a year, satellites launched by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory have been orbiting Earth to track the global flow of carbon emissions. In Colorado, workers are using infrared cameras to find methane leaking from natural gas wells. In Boston, researchers using new measuring devices have detected "fugitive emissions" in hundreds of places across the city, including the Massachusetts State House.

Los Gatos Research in Silicon Valley now makes portable equipment for measuring greenhouse gases and other pollution that has been used on airplanes and in national forests. Piccaro, another California company, makes the machines that have been used to measure methane leaks in Boston and other cities. Other startups have created software that collects existing air quality data into apps that can advise asthmatics on areas to avoid and steer cyclists toward the least-polluted paths to work.

"There are a lot of companies picking up on this, but who is interested in the data—to me, that's also fascinating," said Colette Heald, an atmospheric chemist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "We're in this moment of a huge growth in curiosity—of people trying to understand their environment. That coincides with the technology to do something more."

The push is not limited to measuring air and emissions. Tools to sample soil, test seismic regions, monitor water quality, test ocean acidity and improve weather forecasting are all on the rise. Drought has prompted new efforts to map groundwater and stream flows across the West. In space, NASA recently began a global precipitation measurement program intended, in part, to more accurately predict extreme weather events and the availability of water.

The Obama administration has rolled out a series of regulatory changes intended either to reduce pollutants in the air people breathe or limit greenhouse gases—and sometimes both. This month, the Environmental Protection Agency finalized new rules to reduce ozone and, for

New technology is keeping air we breathe under unprecedented level of scrutiny

This photo dated Nov. 20, 2014, shows the Yurok tribe's carbon offset project encompassing 7,660 acres of Douglas-Fir and mixed hardwood forest near the Klamath River in northern California. Today, rising calls to create cleaner air and limit climate change are driving a surge in new technology for measuring air emissions and other pollutants. AP

the first time, required so-called fence-line testing near oil refineries to track pollutants such as benzene that may be escaping—a task that requires sensitive monitoring equipment.

Industry groups often oppose new rules because complying costs money, but these rules can also drive technological development and new industries. While older emissions-monitoring devices may occupy the footprint of a living room, equipment is being developed that is portable and more sophisticated.

"Fifteen years ago we were talking about percent—the percentage of a particular species in a gas," said Chris Anthony, who oversees analytical products for the ABB Group, which has expanded its investments in air and gas monitoring in recent years,

including buying Los Gatos Research in 2013. "Five years ago, 10 years ago, we started talking about parts per million. In many areas now, we're measuring parts per billion, which is very, very low levels of trace gas in exhaust."

Chet Wayland, the director of the air quality assessment division within the EPA's office of air quality planning and standards, recalled a research conference the agency hosted a few years ago where he met a graduate student who showed him a hand-held, homemade device that measured air pollution. The parts appeared to cost about \$50.

"It wasn't great but it was not bad," Wayland recalled. "I'm sitting there going, 'Oh, my gosh.' I'm used to working in the world where these devices are \$30,000 and they're highly sophisticated, and here's somebody who built this in a

lab basically by himself. That's when I realized that the world was changing."

Wayland and one of his colleagues, Dan Costa, who works on air and climate issues in the EPA's Office of Research and Development, said that as more companies and individuals make affordable equipment, they need to demonstrate that their products are accurate and reliable.

"That's one of the key issues we at the EPA are trying to focus on," Wayland said. "When the technology is out there and everyone starts using it, the question is, how good is the data? If the data's not high enough quality, then we're not going to make regulatory decisions based on that."

He added, "Where is this data going to reside in 10 years, when all these sensors are out there, and who's going

to (manage) that information? Right now it's kind of organic so there's no centralized place where all of this information is going."

Two years ago, Heald, the professor at MIT, helped lead a group of students who created a campus air quality monitoring network. They launched a website where people can track gases such as ozone and carbon monoxide.

But the site also includes a disclaimer, warning that the numbers were not necessarily "regulatory grade" measurements. Costa said the EPA's long-term vision is "this harmonization, a synthesis of the gold standard monitoring network (run by government) with the evolving sensor technology" used by citizen groups and individuals.

Satellites are expected to play an increasing role in that goal. New equipment is being developed by NASA that will provide multiple daily readings of air pollutants from a geostationary satellite, and the agency's Orbiting Carbon Observatory, launched last year and run from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, is intended to help scientists study how carbon travels.

"To understand our impact on the atmosphere and temperature changes in the future, you've got to know how that stuff's going to move around—and we don't know that very well right now," said Annmarie Eldering, a NASA scientist who helps run the project.

Her colleague Riley Duren, who helps oversee the study of carbon emissions from large cities, noted that a satellite had helped spot methane hot spots over New Mexico's San Juan Basin and in the Central Valley, which were then tracked down more precisely with the help of aircraft and infrared cameras.

"We throw everything but the kitchen sink at this," Duren said.



Yurok tribe forestry technician Ray Gregg pulls a tape measure while plotting a inventory area on tribal land near Klamath, Calif. in November 2014. The tribe was measuring trees and constructing an inventory to calculate not how many board-feet of timber they can yield, but how much carbon dioxide they can sequester.

Life & Style

NEW YORK (AP)—It's the ultimate mashup of athleticism and theater—the Harlem Globetrotters have teamed up with "Stomp."

In a 2-minute, high-energy collaboration filmed at a New York City playground earlier this month, four towering Globetrotters joined eight members of the off-Broadway fixture to show off their skills.

In the video, the performers dribble in rhythm, pass and fold into each other. The Globetrotters do complicated dunks and plenty of finger spins, while the "Stomp" dancers make a soundtrack with basketballs. It was all captured in one take.

"They were great. They were very supportive. I felt like we were on the same team, all working together," said Stephanie Marshall, a New Yorker who worked up a sweat with her fellow "Stomp" stars.

The video was shot at the William F. Passannante Ballfield in the West Village with a three-axis, gyroscopic-stabilized hand-held MoVI camera. It took seven takes to get the one everyone agreed was flawless.

The video shoot had to compete with ambulance sirens, truck honks and dozens of shrieking school kids. To make matters worse, clouds gathered and the threat of rain was real.

The result is a treat for anyone who fantasizes about more dribbling in "Stomp!" or more dancing at the Globetrotters' show.

The collaboration might ini-

'Stomp' joins Harlem Globetrotters for a cool video shoot



In this Oct. 2015 photo released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown, the cast of Stomp appears with members of The Harlem Globetrotters in New York. AP

tially sound odd until you realize that the Globetrotters, who soon embark on a 90th anniversary tour, have always had a little showmanship to their act, and "Stomp" loves making music out of random things.

"For years, we've had a basketball routine as part of 'Stomp,'" said Steve McNicholas,

who co-created the show in 1991 with Luke Cresswell and watched the Globetrotters admiringly. "But what these guys can do with basketballs is stunning. A different league."

The four Globetrotters were "Bull" Bullard, "Firefly" Fisher, "Cheese" Chisholm and "Handles" Franklin. All wore

their iconic red, white and blue uniforms with red Adidas 773 Derrick Rose high tops. The "Stomp" performers were in chic street clothes, their color palette mostly grays and blacks.

Chisholm, who also is from New York but attended Ball State University, never saw "Stomp" but came away impressed by the collaboration.

"It's like 50-50," he said. "They're actually really talented and so are we."

The playground is used by nearby schools and the video shoot had to handle shifts of middle-schoolers coming out for recess and gaping at the giant men. At one point, they surrounded Franklin.

"Who's the hardest worker at school?" he asked them as hands went up. Later he tried to slap as many palms as possible. "I need some fives!" he said and

twirled a basketball ball on one kid's finger. The children lined up and got autographs.

With the shoot finished, the two sets of performers hugged. Marshall said this about a sort of crazy assignment: "This is the norm for us. This is what we do. We put ourselves in random places and make music out of random props. So this is kind of par for the course."

Hasbro says it didn't steal host's identity for toy hamster

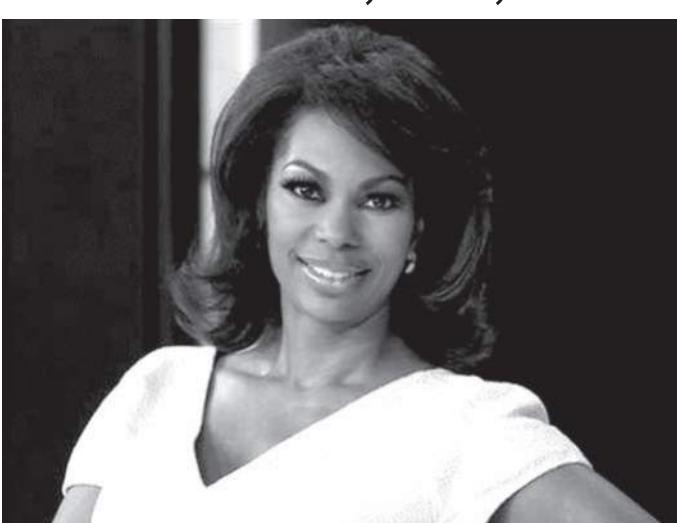
NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Hasbro Inc. wants a federal judge to dismiss a \$5 million lawsuit filed by a Fox News anchor who says a toy hamster shares her name and resembles her.

Harris Faulkner sued Hasbro in August over its plastic Harris Faulkner hamster, sold as part of the Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based company's popular "Littlest Pet Shop" line. She says the toy wrongfully appropriates her name and persona, harms her professional credibility as a journalist and is an insult.

The toy company says in a filing Monday in federal court in New Jersey that the toy and Faulkner share nothing in common except for their name and that the toy and newscaster are distinctly different and there's no basis to find that Hasbro misappropriated her unique identity.

"Ms. Faulkner is an adult, African-American, human, female newscaster; the Hamster Toy is an inch-tall, cartoon-like plastic animal, which has no apparent gender or profession, or even clothing that might identify its gender or profession," the company said in its motion.

Faulkner's lawsuit says that in addition to sharing her name,



In this April 28, 2015, file photo, Fox News anchor Harris Faulkner poses for a photo on the set in New York.

the toy bears a physical resemblance to Faulkner's traditional professional appearance, including its complexion, eye shape and eye makeup design.

The Harris Faulkner toy was introduced in 2014, according to the lawsuit, and was sold in a package as the pet hamster of a terrier named Benson Detwyler. Other toys in the popular line include animals named Pancakes Watkins, Puffball Petrovsky and Pepper Clark.

The lawsuit says Faulkner, a New Jersey resident, never gave permission for Hasbro to use

her name or likeness and that she even demanded in January that Hasbro stop using it. More than three weeks later, it was still for sale on Hasbro's website, the lawsuit contends. It says that as of July, Faulkner's name was still being used on a website to sell "Littlest Pet Shop" products, and the plastic hamster that bears her name can still be bought at other online retail stores.

Faulkner hosts the daytime show "Outnumbered" and anchors a Sunday evening newscast for Fox News.

Near the end of "Halo 5: Guardians" (Microsoft, for the Xbox One, \$59.95), an artificial intelligence bemoans humanity's propensity toward solving every problem with violence. Which makes one wonder: Have you been paying attention? The entire "Halo" series is about flying to distant planets and then shooting everything that moves.

That formula has served Microsoft well since the first "Halo: Combat Evolved" in 2001, selling millions of Xboxes and inspiring legions of imitators. But it's getting stale, with even trigger-happy games like "Destiny" (by "Halo" creator Bungie) offering players a little more to chew on.

"Halo" is now in the hands of Microsoft's in-house studio 343 Industries, which has streamlined the storytelling while acknowledging the convoluted mythology that has built up over the last 15 years. In essence: Our recurring hero, the faceless Master Chief, appears to have gone rogue, and it's up to a new com-

mando named Locke to hunt him down. And assorted aliens are getting in everyone's way.

The missions in the eight-hour solo campaign fall into an uninspired pattern. You go to another planet, which conveniently has an assortment of guns lying around. You plow your way through increasingly aggressive waves of alien monsters. There are occasional respites where you get to drive a Warthog attack vehicle or fly a zippy anti-gravity Ghost, but for the most part you're on foot.

The major change is that whether you're playing as Master Chief or Locke you're now leading a four-person squad. This opens up some limited tactical possibilities—primarily, ordering your team to gang up on particular enemies—as well as the ability to tackle each mission with three online friends.

As with any online relationship, you and your friends will eventually want to stop playing nice and start attacking each other. And here, 343 Industries has built a beefy collection of multiplayer battlefields. They're divided into two

Review: 'Halo 5' delivers thin story, promising multiplayer

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sections, Arena and Warzone. Arena is the traditional four-versus-four competition familiar to "Halo" fans, with the usual variants like deathmatch and capture-the-flag. Warzone is more ambitious. It's a 12-versus-12 affair, with computer-controlled aliens added to make the mayhem even more intense.

The sprawling Warzone maps accommodate a variety of game-play objectives. At the start of a match, you need to clear all the AI monsters out of your base. Then you can focus on taking over various control points on the map, earning "req points" you can spend on more effective weapons, armor and vehicles. If you build up enough power, the enemy's base becomes vulnerable and it's game over.

It remains to be seen how well this works once millions of "Halo" fans are trying to compete—last year's "Halo: The Master Chief Collection" anthology was dogged by online issues. But Warzone holds much promise, and could make up for the pedestrian story in the "Guardians" solo campaign. Two stars out of four.

Hillary Rodham Clinton pays a 'Late Show' campaign call

NEW YORK (AP)—It should come as no surprise, but when Hillary Rodham Clinton kicks back for a little pleasure viewing, she gravitates to TV dramas about government and law.

Guesting on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" on Tuesday, she reported that the day before, her 68th birthday, she and husband Bill took a slight break from her presidential campaign and found time for some binge viewing.

They finally caught up on the Netflix political series "House of Cards," she said, adding that other TV faves include the legal drama "The Good Wife" and "Madam Secretary," which stars Tea Leoni as the U.S. Secretary of State.

Clinton noted that Madeleine Albright—like Clinton, a former real-life secretary of state—had recently made a guest appearance on that show.

"Are you jealous?" Colbert

asked.

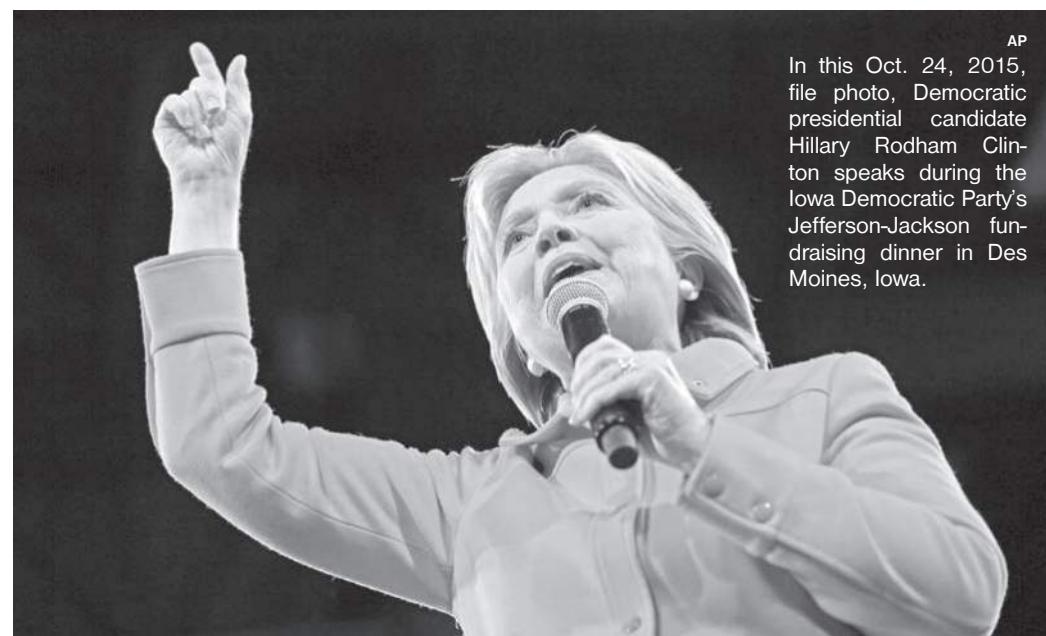
"A little," Clinton joked. Clinton, the Democratic front-runner in the 2016 race, became the fifth White House hopeful from both parties to appear with Colbert since he took over CBS' "Late Show" last month.

He acknowledged that, in his past alter ego as a conservative blowhard hosting Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report," he had played a character "who didn't care for you."

"I can say it now," Clinton said with a laugh—"it was mutual."

This "Late Show" appearance occasioned a cordial give-and-take, where perhaps Colbert's toughest question was: Why is she running for president?

Clinton answered that she wants to make it possible for more people, particularly young people, "to live up to their God-given potential," while she helps defend wom-



In this Oct. 24, 2015, file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during the Iowa Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson fundraising dinner in Des Moines, Iowa. AP

en's rights, gay rights and voting rights.

"We've got to get back to making the middle class the center of our politics," she added.

Colbert suggested that, with another Clinton in the White House, Americans were being promised an encore of the 1990s, and asked plaintively, "Do I have to wear parachute pants?"

"I'm not running for my husband's third term," Clinton declared. "I'm not running for President Obama's third term. I'm running for my first term. But I'm going to do what works, and we have an understanding of what works."

Nielsen's top programs for Oct. 19-25

NEW YORK (AP)—Primetime viewership numbers compiled by Nielsen for Oct. 19-25. Listings include the week's ranking and viewership.

1. **NFL Football: Philadelphia at Carolina**, NBC, 20.61 million.
2. **"NCIS,"** CBS, 17.22 million.
3. **NFL Football: Seattle at San Francisco**, CBS, 17.12 million.
4. **"Sunday Night NFL Pregame,"** NBC, 15.8 million.
5. **"The Big Bang Theory,"** CBS, 14.68 million.
6. **NFL Football: N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia**, ESPN, 13.9 million.
7. **"The Walking Dead,"** AMC, 13.14 million.
8. **"NCIS: New Orleans,"** CBS, 12.99 million.
9. **"Football Night in America,"** NBC, 12.51 million.
10. **"Dancing With the Stars,"** ABC, 12.5 million.
11. **"Empire,"** Fox, 12.28 million.
12. **"The OT,"** Fox, 12.12 million.
13. **"The Voice" (Monday),** NBC, 11.4 million.
14. **"The Voice" (Tuesday),** NBC, 11.28 million.
15. **"Madam Secretary,"** CBS, 10.81 million.
16. **"60 Minutes,"** CBS, 10.71 million.
17. **"Blue Bloods,"** CBS, 10.42 million.
18. **"Thursday Night NFL Pregame,"** CBS, 10.27 million.
19. **"Scorpion,"** CBS, 9.46 million.
20. **Baseball: National League Championship Series, Game 3: N.Y. Mets at Chicago,** TBS, 9.22 million.

Halle Berry, Olivier Martinez to divorce after 2 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Halle Berry and actor Olivier Martinez are ending their two-year marriage and say they want to proceed with the best interests of their young son in mind.

The actors released a joint statement announcing the divorce on Tuesday, a day after Berry filed a divorce petition under a pseudonym. Martinez

filed his own petition on Tuesday, and both cited irreconcilable differences for the breakup.

Both actors are open to joint custody, and Berry's filing repeatedly requests that a judge enter orders that are "in the best interest" of their 2-year-old son.

"It is with a heavy heart that we have come to the decision to divorce," the actors wrote in a joint statement. "We move forward with love and respect for one another and the shared fo-

cus of what is best for our son. We wish each other nothing but happiness in life and we hope that you respect our and, most importantly, our children's privacy as we go through this difficult period."

Berry and Martinez met while making the 2012 film "Dark Tide." They married in July 2013.

The actress' attorney filed for divorce by listing the name as "Hal Maria" and identified Martinez as "Oliver Martin."

The filing states the pair have a prenuptial agreement that does not entitle Martinez to spousal support. She is also seeking to avoid child support payments, writing: "Each party to equally share the cost of raising their child."

Berry won a best actress Academy Award in 2002 for "Monster's Ball." She has been



In this June 13, 2013 file photo, actor and president of the Champs-Elysees Film Festival Olivier Martinez, left, poses with Actress Halle Berry prior to the screening of the film "Things We Lost in the Fire" with the french title "Nos Souvenirs Brûlés" during the Champs-Elysees Film Festival, at the "Publicis Cinema" in Paris. Berry and Martinez are ending their marriage. AP

married twice previously and has a 7-year-old daughter from her relationship with model Gabriel Aubry.

George Lucas foundation donates \$10M to USC film school

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Force must be strong with USC.

The school announced Tuesday that the George Lucas Family Foundation is donating \$10 million to its film school to provide financial

support to black and Hispanic students.

The money will be used to establish the George Lucas Foundation Endowed Student Support Fund for Diversity.

In a statement, the "Star

Wars" director said Hispanic and African-American storytellers are underrepresented in the entertainment industry.

Students will receive the first awards next fall.

The endowment is the largest

single donation for student support in school history.

Lucas, a USC graduate, donated some \$175 million to the school in 2006, including millions to rebuild its film school.

Granddaughter with sticky fingers is caught in the act

DEAR ABBY: I caught my 12-year-old granddaughter stealing. She took one of my favorite hair products, which isn't a big deal, but I'm torn over how to approach her and if I should inform her parents. There was another possible theft once before when she visited me. Some makeup blush disappeared. I dismissed it, but now I have concerns.

How should I handle this? I love her unconditionally, but this needs to be addressed and I don't know how. I'm prepared that she might deny my accusation. Then what?

ALARMED IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR ALARMED: Tell your granddaughter that you enjoy having her visit, but you noticed that several items had disappeared after she stayed with you. Ask her if she took them. Regardless of how she responds, tell her that if she wants to use something of yours, before she does, she should ask permission. If it happens after that, discuss it with her parents then.

DEAR ABBY: My brother is a recovering heroin addict. He stayed clean for almost a year until a few months ago, when he relapsed. He hasn't used again since his slip and continues to go to outpatient treatment.

My boyfriend, whom I recently moved in with, doesn't want

him to come to the house. He says it's to protect "his nest," and I understand why. I have tried talking with him about it because I feel that I can't have any other family members over, but that doesn't seem to matter to him. My brother heard he isn't welcome and I feel absolutely terrible.

I'm not sure how to rectify the situation. If my boyfriend can't accept my family, how is this relationship supposed to last? But another part of me wonders if his feelings are justified, and perhaps I have been too accepting of all the mistakes and grief my brother has caused my family and me.

SAD SISTER IN OHIO

DEAR SAD SISTER: If your brother has stolen from the family in order to feed his habit, your boyfriend has a valid point in not wanting him in the house. His reaction is intelligent. However, the ban should not extend to your entire family, and this is something you need to clarify. If your boyfriend's objective is to isolate you from all of your relatives, it's a red flag that shouldn't be ignored.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is marrying a wonderful young man who not only loves her, but also her 7-month-old daughter, who is not his. My question is one of etiquette. During the wedding ceremony, if my granddaughter starts crying, should I

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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get up and leave with her? She's a little Mama's girl and might start to fuss.

I'd hate to miss my daughter's wedding, but don't want it to be ruined for her guests. What is the proper thing to do?

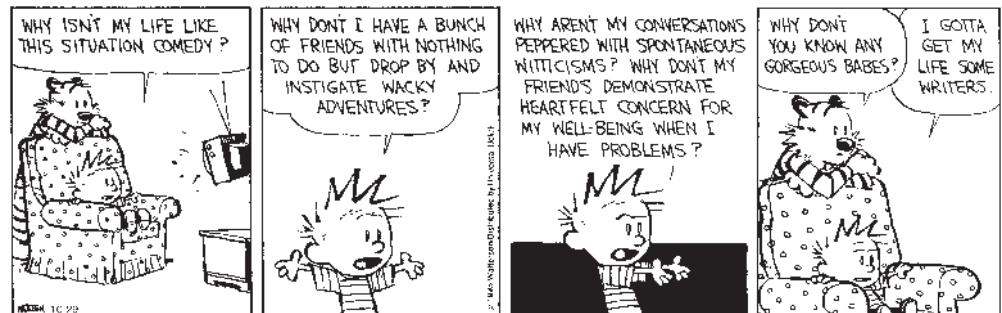
BRIDE'S MOM ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR BRIDE'S MOM: The proper thing to do is to ask your daughter -- well in advance of the wedding -- what SHE would like done in the event that her daughter starts crying or acting up during the ceremony.

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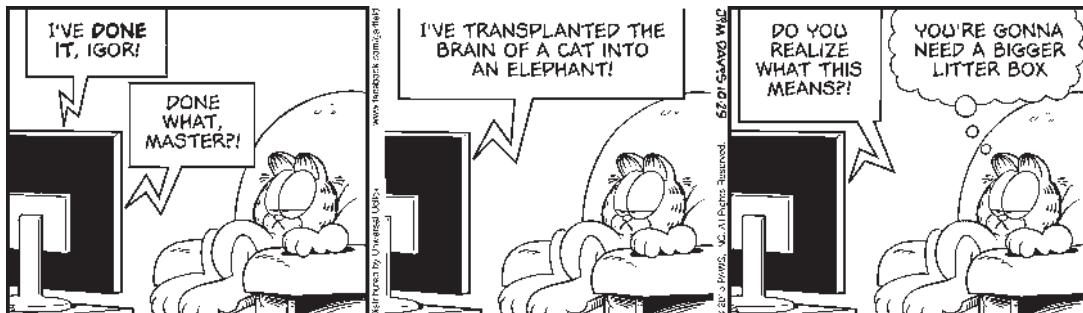
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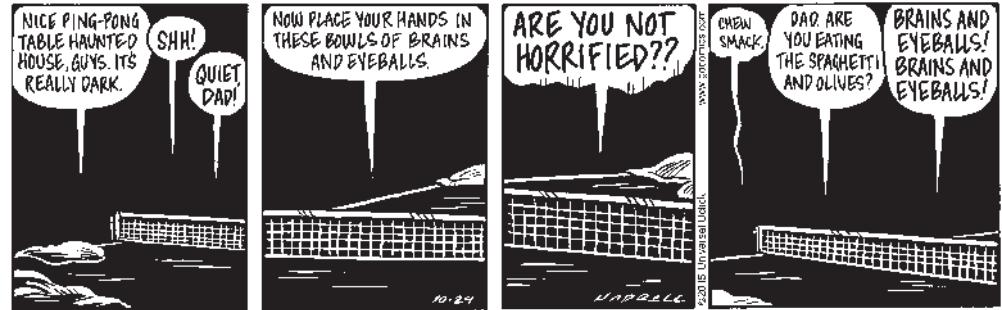
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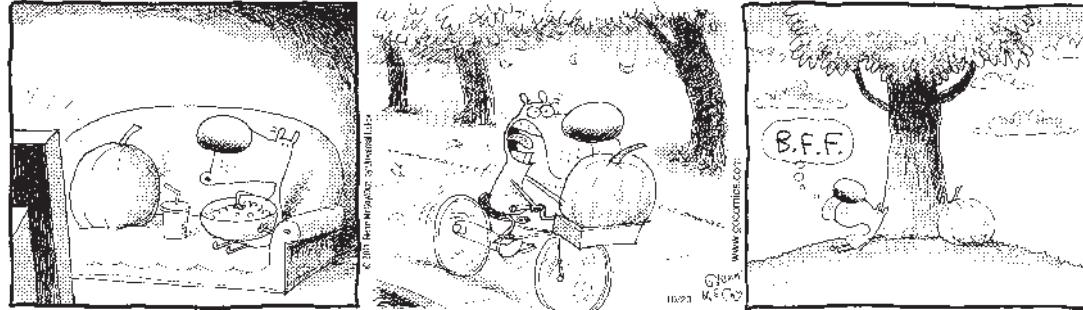
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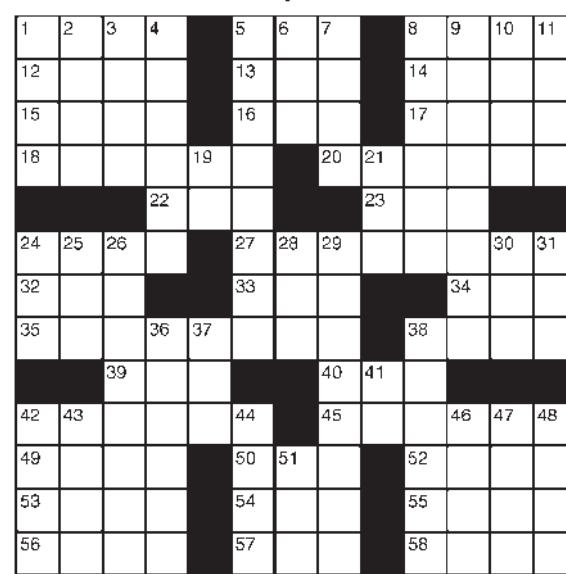
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5 He gives a hoot?	42	Dry cleaner's concerns	3	Bosc, for one	25 Yoko of Tokyo
8 Old TV hookups	43	Carved tribal poles	4	Online crafts store	26 Abner's home
12 Tennis ace Sampras	44	Pillboxes, e.g.	5	Very much	28 One, to Sartre
13 PBS funder	45	tree (stuck)	6	Coffee order	29 With attention to particulars
14 "We're in trouble!"	46	-Piccone (fashion label)	7	"Scream" director Craven	30 Bruins legend
15 Simplicity	47	Curve	8	Track circuits	31 "Golly!"
16 Sixth sense (Abbr.)	48	Luau gift	9	Amplifier knob	36 Country star Yearwood
17 Long ride?	49	Nevada city	10	Spicy stadium frank	37 Charged particle
18 Burial vaults	50	A couple of laughs?	11	Vodka serving	38 Cove critters
20 Emulate Rodin	51	Web address	12	Gift-tag word	41 Thumbs-down
22 Slugger Gehrig	52		13	A Iranian leader, once	42 Iranian leader, once
23 Brest pal	53		14	Skater Lipinski	43 Skater Lipinski
24 Physique	54		15	"Star Trek" helmsman	44 "Star Trek" helmsman
27 Canine trained to lead	55		16	Daring Knievel	45 Daring Knievel
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Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 10-29

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Happy Birthday: Don't limit what you can accomplish. Take down any barriers that stand between you and your goals. Put pressure on anyone who needs a push in order to ensure you do not face delays this year. A false impression will lead to a costly mistake if you rely on others. Keep life simple and emotions under control. Your numbers are 6, 17, 19, 28, 33, 41, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let someone from your past bother you. Forward motion will be required. A change of attitude will help you see social situations in a completely different light. Alternative thinking coupled with initiating change is the way to go. ★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be able to impress everyone around you. Putting added details to whatever you do will make others take note. A business trip will boost your confidence and bring you future opportunities. Romance looks promising. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discipline will be required if you want to bypass some of the emotional turmoil that is likely to develop if you get involved in situations that will leave you in a vulnerable position. Stick to the facts to avoid criticism. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for any opportunity to get together with close friends or family. Making a move or making some additions to your home will turn out better than anticipated. Keep your emo-

tions in check and you'll avoid saying something you'll regret. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Initiate change. Pick up additional skills, knowledge and contacts. Communication is highlighted. Keep your money in a safe place and refrain from lending or making donations. It's important to stick to a budget. Invest in your plans. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on truth, fact-finding and networking. Don't divulge personal information, but listen and ask questions. Knowledge will be your ticket to a brighter future. A problem with an older relative or your residence is best handled quickly and concisely. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Speak up if you think someone is making assumptions or misunderstands what you are trying to say. It's important to defend your principles before you make changes that cannot be reversed. Look back before you leap forward. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get in the game. Stop thinking about what you want to do and make things happen. Participate in whatever forum will help you get ahead personally or professionally. An unusual living arrangement will interest you. Romance is on the rise. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The less you share with others about your personal life, the better. Someone in your circle isn't trustworthy. Put more into your home and making changes that will suit your needs. Travel plans will face delays and cause uncertainty. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Choose to work on your physical, emotional and financial wellness. Do what you can to distinguish yourself from the competition. Don't give in to pushy or unpredictable people. Work alone and focus on finishing what you start. Romance is in the stars. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your home in order. Don't leave any room for criticism. Make changes that are well-thought-out, cost-efficient and that please everyone you live with. Don't limit what you can do because someone is demanding or unreliable. ★★★★★

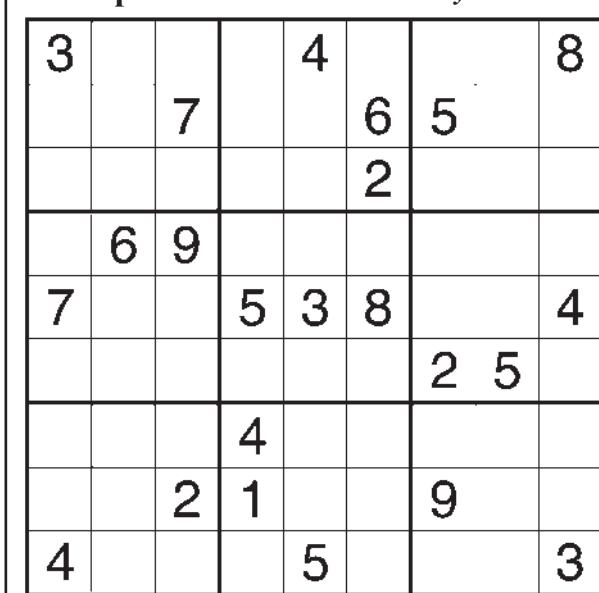
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Partnerships will make a huge difference in the outcome of a project you are trying to complete. Cooperation will bring you greater options in the future. Celebrate your success with someone you love, but don't share your secrets. ★★★

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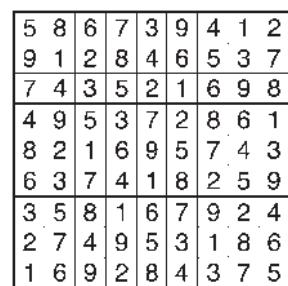
Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Hosmer sac fly in 14th lifts Royals to Game 1 win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Alcides Escobar started the World Series with a jolt. Five hours later, he ended the longest opener ever with a jump - into the arms of his joyous Kansas City Royals teammates.

Saved by Alex Gordon's tying home run in the ninth inning off Mets closer Jeurys Familia, the Royals won in the 14th when Eric Hosmer's sacrifice fly scored Escobar for a 5-4 win over New York late Tuesday night.

This tied for the longest Series game in history, and it had a little bit of everything. A lot of everything, actually.

Escobar hit an inside-the-park homer on the very first pitch from Matt Harvey. Later, a power failure caused the national TV audience and the team's replay rooms to go dark.

The nearer it got to midnight - and beyond - the more oddly the ball bounced.

In the 11th, Salvador Perez grounded a single that hit the third-base bag and caromed high in the air. In the 12th, Daniel Murphy struck out on a pitch that got past Perez —it ricocheted off the backstop to the Royals catcher, who threw out Murphy at first.

About the only thing missing? A home run by Murphy, who had connected in a record six straight postseason games. The MVP of the NL Championship Series did contribute a pair of singles.

Then in the 14th, Escobar reached on an error by third baseman David Wright. Ben Zobrist's single put runners at the corners and an intentional walk to Lorenzo Cain loaded the bases.



Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer hits the game-winning sacrifice fly during the 14th inning of Game 1 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the New York Mets Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals won, 5-4, to take a 1-0 lead in the series. AP

The Mets, meanwhile, soon caught up with Royals starter Edinson Volquez, who did his best on the day his father died in the Dominican Republic.

Granderson homered and the Mets came back for a 3-1 lead. Mike Moustakas lined a tying single off Harvey tied it in the sixth.

Hosmer let Wilmer Flores' two-out, two-hopper get past him in the eighth, allowing Juan Lagares to scamper home with the go-ahead run.

Next thing Hosmer knew, he was embracing Gordon on the bench. Gordon most surely enjoyed going 90 feet farther than he made it last October.

When last seen in the Series, he was held up at third base in the bottom of the ninth in Game 7 after an outfield misplay. He got stranded there and KC fell a run short against San Francisco.

For both teams, this began as a lucky day.

Exactly 30 years earlier, on the same field, Bret Saberhagen and the Royals routed St. Louis in Game 7 for their most recent crown. The next year, also on Oct. 27, Darryl Strawberry homered to help the Mets beat Boston in Game 7 for their latest title.

By the time the Royals won early Wednesday, they'd already made Oct. 28 a day to remember, too.



Hosmer atoned for a key error by lifting a flyball to medium-deep right field, and Escobar barely beat Curtis Granderson's throw home.

Escobar streaked home standing up, and the Royals rushed from the dugout to meet him.

It was 12:18 a.m. at Kauffman Stadium, and Game 2 is Wednesday night.

Jacob deGrom starts for the Mets against Johnny Cueto. It's a hairy matchup: DeGrom's flowing tresses vs. Cueto's mop

Cueto for Royals, deGrom for Mets in Game 2

from our fans. We just felt it was the best move."

Jacob deGrom will pitch Game 2 for the Mets. He is 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in three postseason outings—all away from home.

"I just like pitching," deGrom said. "On the road, it doesn't really matter. I've actually enjoyed pitching on the road in the postseason. You go out there and you're getting booed and it's fun to try to silence the crowd."

New York has seen plenty of Cueto from his days in the National League with Cincinnati. He is 3-4 with a 4.02 ERA in 11 starts against the Mets.

"Seems like every time we played the Reds he was pitching," Mets manager Terry Collins said. "Now with his new delivery alterations he's made, you better get your feet on the ground. Because this guy can quick-pitch you. He can make you wait. So you better get ready to hit as soon as you get in the batter's box. That certainly is something unique to him."

"He knows how to pitch. He

knows how to get you out," Collins added. "When you don't have a fear to fail, you're dangerous. And he's dangerous."

Cueto, acquired July 26 from Cincinnati, has not pitched since Game 3 of the ALCS on Oct. 19.

"The rest is good because I've been going since January, even though I do like my routine of five days," he said. "But that's the way it fell. That's the way the rotation fell for the series. And that's what I've got to adjust to."

Before his meltdown against the Blue Jays, Cueto tossed a gem at Kauffman Stadium in the deciding Game 5 of the Division Series versus Houston.

He has made some recent adjustments to his motion, as Collins noted. In a sense, Cueto often changes speeds even before he delivers the ball.

"As far as the windup, I read swings, I read rhythms. And I come up with these different type of windups because of the rhythm that I feel is going to be effective on that particular pitch," Cueto said.

since July 30 and had been nearly perfect this postseason.

Known more for his glove than his bat, Gordon got

a huge hug in the dugout from Eric Hosmer. A two-time Gold Glove first baseman, Hosmer's error gave the Mets a 4-3 lead in the eighth.

Escobar provided the early excitement. He loves to swing

at first pitches, and this time the MVP of AL Championship Series produced his best result yet.

A mix-up by Mets outfielders Yoenis Cespedes and rookie Michael Conforto helped Escobar wind up with just the second inside-the-parker to lead off a Series game. Ol' Patsy Dougherty of the Boston Americans did it in 1903 - his came in the second game ever of what became known as the Fall Classic.

Harvey brushed aside the misplay and quickly settled in.

Opening shock: Escobar hits first inside-the-park homer off Harvey

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

—Alcides Escobar's drive leading off the game hit off center fielder Yoenis Cespedes' leg and kept rolling and rolling and rolling. And Escobar kept going and going and going.

Escobar hit the first inside-the-park home run leading off a World Series game since 1903, an adrenaline-charged beginning for the Kansas City Royals against the New York Mets.

Throwing the first World Series pitch of his career, New York's Matt Harvey opened with a 95 mph, belt-high fastball over the outer part of the plate. Escobar sent the pitch soaring through the rain to left-center field. Rookie Michael Conforto ran over from left field, and Cespedes sprinted over from center, both converging on the ball.

They both seemed to stop and watch each other and the ball, which landed on the right leg of Cespedes, who never

lifted his glove in an attempt for a catch. The ball rolled along the warning track toward left, and by the time Conforto retrieved it and threw to Wilmer Flores, there was no need for the shortstop to even throw home. Third base coach Mike Jirschele jumped and waved, and Escobar was able to slow down as he neared the plate. He scored standing up.

Escobar's drive landed about 30 feet from Alex Gordon's hit in the ninth inning of Game 7 last year against San Francisco's Madison Bumgarner, a single that skipped by center fielder Gregor Blanco for an error. Jirschele held up Gordon, who probably would have been thrown out easily by shortstop Brandon Crawford, who was in shallow left when he took the throw from left fielder Juan Perez. With the potential tying run 90 feet from home plate, Salvador Perez fouled out to third, ending the Royals' season.

With Obama watching, Bulls hold off Cavaliers



CHICAGO (AP)— For all the talk about their fast-paced offense, defense once again lifted the Chicago Bulls in their season opener.

Pau Gasol's block of LeBron James and a pass deflection in the closing seconds helped preserve the win for new coach Fred Hoiberg. And that had to please the president.

Nikola Mirotic scored 19 points and Derrick Rose added 18 to lead the Bulls to a 97-95 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers with President Barack Obama watching on Tuesday night.

After Gasol blocked James' potential tying layup in the closing seconds, Jimmy Butler then broke up an inbounds pass intended for James as time expired.

Obama sat courtside for most of the game as his beloved Bulls got contributions from a variety of players to knock off the defending Eastern Conference champions and give Hoiberg a narrow win in his first game.

"That is how we are going to win every game," Rose said. "It kind of feels good going into every game knowing you have the possibility of winning. You have a chance of winning every game because we are so good and deep."

James scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, but the Cavaliers came up short against the team they knocked out in the conference semifinals last season.

The Bulls, playing a more open offense with Hoiberg than they did under Tom Thibodeau, did not exactly light it up. But they came away with a promising win.

SIDEBAR

Warriors coach Steve Kerr expects to return this season

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr is still experiencing symptoms caused by complications following back surgery this summer and isn't sure when he will resume his duties on the bench.

The second-year coach of the defending NBA champions has been on a leave of absence since having issues during the first week of training camp, including headaches and fatigue. He was on hand at Oracle Arena for Tuesday night's championship banner raising and ring ceremony as part of pregame festivities and planned to watch the game from the locker room.

"I am feeling better, so that's the good news. The bad news is I'm not feeling well enough to coach yet," Kerr said. "It's hard because I don't know when that will be. There's no timetable. It's not a sprained ankle, two-to-four weeks type thing. When I feel better, I'll feel better."

"It's very frustrating but I am improving. I'm able to physi-

Rose, playing with a mask to protect his fractured left orbital, shot just 8 of 22 after missing almost the entire preseason.

Mirotic, starting over Joakim Noah, nailed three 3-pointers.

Butler added 17 points and two steals to go with that deflected pass. Gasol blocked six shots.

The Cavaliers got 19 points and seven assists from Mo Williams, filling in while Kyrie Irving recovers from a fractured left kneecap. Kevin Love added 18 points and eight rebounds.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win," James said. "That's all you can ask."

The Cavaliers took an 83-82 lead on a floater by James with 5:32 left in the game.

Mirotic immediately converted a three-point play after getting fouled by Tristan Thompson on a baseline floater. That started an 11-2 run that put Chicago back on top 93-85 with 2:42 left.

But just when it looked like the lead was safe, the Cavaliers came roaring back again.

Love nailed back-to-back 3-pointers to make it 97-95 with 33 seconds remaining. After a miss by Rose with 10 seconds remaining, a driving James got swatted by Gasol.

The ball bounced out along the baseline. The Bulls had no doubt this time that James was getting the final shot.

They probably thought the same thing at the end of Game 4 of the conference semifinals in Chicago. In that one, Cavaliers coach David Blatt designed a play that had James taking the ball out. He vetoed it and drained a corner jumper at the buzzer to give Cleveland the victory.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love (0) tries to block the shot of Chicago Bulls forward Nikola Mirotic (44) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015. AP

he hasn't lost a step or his swagger, scoring 40 points to lead the Golden State Warriors to a 111-95 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday night to open their title defense.

Curry put on a familiar shooting clinic from all over the court, knocking down seven of his first nine shots with four 3-pointers for 24 first-quarter points. He finished 14 for 26 with seven assists and six rebounds in a rematch of the first round of the playoffs that Golden State swept 4-0. It was his 10th career 40-point game.

Curry and the Warriors raised the championship banner and received their rings in an elaborate pregame ceremony featuring glitz, glow sticks and fire. Coach Steve Kerr attended, then left for the locker room to rest his surgically repaired back as interim Luke Walton coached the team.

Pistons 106, Hawks 94

In Atlanta, the Atlanta Hawks picked up Tuesday where they left off in the Eastern Conference finals.

Another loss.

Hardly looking like the team that went 60-22 last season, the Hawks were dominated on the boards and struggled to find their offensive rhythm in a surprising 106-94 loss to the Detroit Pistons on opening night in the NBA.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 21 points to lead all five Detroit starters in double figures, while Andre Drummond pulled down 19 rebounds to lead a commanding 59-40 edge.

The Hawks fell behind by as many as 19 and couldn't rally even when the Pistons missed 20 of their final 22 shots from the field.

"They were very good tonight. We weren't," Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer said. "We get to go to work tomorrow."

The Pistons, who haven't had a winning season since 2008 and finished 28 games behind the East-leading Hawks a year ago, began to pull away just before halftime. They led by double figures through most of the final two quarters.

"We had a hard training camp, you know what I'm saying?" Marcus Morris said. "We didn't put in as much hard work as we did to just come out here and lay an egg."

Drummond had 18 points. Morris also had a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Ersan Ilyasova chipped in with 16 points, while Reggie Jackson added 15.

Warriors 111, Pelicans 95

In Oakland, NBA MVP Stephen Curry showed in a hurry

tonight and go through this whole ceremony without him being here," Gentry said. "The main thing is that everybody's ecstatic that he's here, because he was the leader of this whole thing and he did an outstanding job as a first-year coach."

The last thing Kerr wants is to rush back, then have a setback and need another extended break. When asked if he would be back on the bench by Jan. 1, Kerr said, "I would hope before then. ... I fully believe I will be back before too long."

Luke Walton was set to coach the team in the opener against the New Orleans Pelicans, though Kerr was hopeful he would go on Golden State's upcoming road trip to Houston and New Orleans this weekend. Kerr also got to see first-year Pelicans coach and former Warriors associate head coach Alvin Gentry on Tuesday.

"I think he's getting better. Obviously it was a huge concern and I just didn't think that it would be right to be here

"It's good to be back around the team quite a bit," Kerr said. "Prospects long-term are great. I know I'm on the right path, I'm on the right track. I'm very confident I'll be back this season. And I can't wait. It's killing me not to be out there tonight. I'm excited to be part of the ceremony but I'm really disappointed not to be coaching. I've got to be patient and that's probably not my greatest virtue right now."

Kerr has resumed exercise and said that has helped him physically and emotionally. He is stretching, using an elliptical machine for cardio work, doing yoga.

"That's a big part of all this," he said. "After the long season last year I basically spent three months in pain and not working out, and that's a big part of my daily ritual. It was a long, long summer. It feels good now to break a sweat finally and I think that's going to help me get out of this whole thing and push forward, and I'm very confident about that."

Duay: CNMI will soon catch up with Guam



JON PEREZ

Guam's Mike Duay, right, poses with Dee Clayton Classic overall champion Derek Cutting after last Saturday's annual bodybuilding competition at PIC's Charley's Cabaret. Duay was one of the judges of the event.

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Guam champion bodybuilder Mike Duay believes bodybuilding will be a big thing in the CNMI with the Commonwealth's muscle men soon catching up with their southern neighbors.

Duay said the birth pains that Saipan have been experiencing are normal since the same thing happened to Guam when bodybuilding was just starting there.

"It's just only starting here

and it will keep getting better. It will get as big as Guam, it's been always like that. Bodybuilding here is still in its growth stages and it will explode more on Saipan," said Duay in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*.

Duay was on Saipan over the weekend to serve as one of the judges in last Saturday's Dee Clayton Classic.

He said bodybuilding events would further promote the sport to the community, especially to the younger generation.

"Seeing all the hard work the

competitors put in would get people motivated to get into fitness and live a healthy lifestyle. Everyone will work harder," said Duay.

"It is also good to see younger kids get into fitness. They will be the next generation that will compete here and hopefully would represent the CNMI in international tournaments," Duay added.

Duay, who competes in the heavyweight division, said that he had a number of runner-up finishes in the Guam nation-

officer Elias Rangamar thanked the participants, including the 56 runners in the elementary division, for joining the weekend race and their parents and teachers who helped out in the series opener.

"Great turn out last Saturday. I would like to thank Robert Torres and several teachers and parents who assisted in the registration and meeting," added Rangamar.

Meanwhile, the next leg will be held this Saturday also at the Airport Field with registration starting at 7am and race proper at 7:30am. The first race in the second leg will be for runners in the

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in the boys U11 division with a time of 7:01 behind champion Jim Maniago of WSR (6:23) and Agape Christian School's Frederic Guinto (6:44). Coume Kaga of WSR won the U11 girls category in 6:43, while Grace Christian Academy's Soleil Lamar (8:00) and Janelle Saluta (8:03) placed second and third, respectively. SCS' Sedrei Camacho missed a podium finish in the girls U11 class as she lost by just one second to Saluta.

Northern Marianas Athletics

"We will be facing power-house teams and I need them to be ready in any situation any time," Angeles said.

Angeles's crew is composed of goalkeepers Floyd Muna and Jason Quimzon, defenders Eun Syu Hahn, Kirt Andon, Loloheyong Benito, and Ian Maniago, midfielders Mark Esalan, Thaihi Austria, Sebastien Manabat, Kirro Batino, Raseff Altamirano, Angelo Bergancia, Justin Achas, and Jhoey Noble, and forwards John Michale Rojas,

Edward Cho, Kaden Church, and Taka Borja.

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Besides sharpening his players' mental toughness, Angeles will continue to work on the

als before finally winning it in 2014.

Duay added that previously he was not into bodybuilding and his current physique was not used to be like that. He said that he was overweight before and weighed close to 300 lbs.

"Watching

bodybuild-

ing shows and people lifting weights get me motivated to get healthy. I was overweight when I was still in my early 20s. And I said to myself 'I need to get in shape and have a healthy lifestyle.'

"So, I met people who helped me step by step to lose weight and eat right. They

taught me everything I know about working out, resting, and the consistency of your program. I want to show the results of all my hard work."

Now, the 26-year-old plans to join the U.S. nationals but he said he needs to get bigger since competition there will be at a different level.

GMI Market, GMJ/IKKI top foes

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GMI Market and GMJ/IKKI Wholesale downed their respective foes in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Tuesday night at the San Antonio court.

GMI Market defeated Ferrera Builders, 97-85, in the U18 pairing, while GMJ/IKKI prevailed over Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders in the masters division match, 76-69. Both winners took control of their games in the second quarter en route to topping their opponents.

After hanging on to the 20-18 advantage at the end of the first period, GMI Market made it a baker's dozen lead in the second frame, 48-35, behind the combined efforts of June Alipio, Jethro Cruz, N-Nes Siech, and James Kintaro. Alipio scored 7 points in the second canto, Cruz chipped in 5, while Siech and Kintaro contributed 4 apiece, as GMI Market recorded their most output (28) in a quarter.

GMI Market continued to play a balance offense in the second half to notch its third win in as many games. It won

its debut against the Sonics, 79-72, and then downed Judith's Warriors, 86-77.

Ferrera, on the other hand, absorbed its second straight loss after a 2-0 start.

In the masters division, GMJ/IKKI is unbeaten in two games after foiling Erika's/Ferrera's comeback bid.

GMJ/IKKI seemed to coast to victory when it led by 10, 73-63, with about a minute left in the match. However, it let its guard down, allowing Erika's/Ferrera (2-2) to move within four, 69-73, 31 seconds to go in the game. Dante Tabora had two baskets in Erika's/Ferrera's short 6-0 rally, while Rodney Catalla hit the other field goal.

Tabora then had a chance to bring the deficit down to 2 when Fradel Sedillo missed a baseline jumper, however, the former fumbled a fastbreak pass from Catalla, returning possession to GMJ/IKKI. Henry Litulumar was fouled on the other end and nailed his first free throw before muffing the second, while GMJ/IKKI regained the leather as Art Montes and Tabora battled for the rebound and the latter touched the ball last before it went out of the baseline. Montes did the inbound and fed Sedillo for a point-blanked shot that sealed the deal for GMJ/IKKI.

GMJ/IKKI settled for a 7-point winning margin after nearly wasting a 14-point advantage at the end of the first half, 39-25. It built a twin-digit lead in the second quarter with Sedillo, Robert Guiang, Joel Saplan, and Allison Dizon combining for 20 of their 23 markers in that period which began with GMJ/IKKI ahead by only a deuce, 16-14.

Sedillo ended up top-scoring for GMJ/IKKI with his 23 points, while Catalla paced Erika's/Ferrera with his 22.

U18

GMI Market 97 – Siech 19, Alipio 18, Cruz 17, G. Sablan 16, M. Sablan 14, Kintaro 10, Atalig 3.

Ferrera 85 – Leyco 20, Toves 17, Castro 15, C. Bondoc 11, F. Bondoc 9, Lee 6, A. Tabora 5, Javier 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 48-35, 71-57, 97-85.

Masters

GMJ/IKKI 76 – Sedillo 23, Saplan 13, Cortez 10, Dizon 8, Guiang 7, Demapan 6, Montano 4, Litulumar 3, Galulu 2.

Erika's/Ferrera 69 – Catala 22, Tabora 17, Jo. Gatdula 12, Illahi 6, Panes 4, Ja. Gatdula 3, De Belen 3, Manabat 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-14, 39-25, 60-53, 76-69.

'CRANK'

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after his technical knockout win over Yasuaki Miura in Rites of Passage 18: Warpath last July 3.

"I haven't been this active fighting in years. I'm getting better at fine-tuning the way I train. I always train hard, but for the longevity of my career and well being I am understanding smart training," Camacho said.

PXC bantamweight champion Kyle Aguon, Ricky Camp, Roque Martinez, Jeff Mesa, Robert Alvarez, and Seay Camacho are serving as his sparring partners at Spike 22 and Purebred BJJ and they have been helping him get in shape since training camp started in the middle of September.

Camacho said having back-to-back fights early this year kept him in shape in preparation for five, five-minute rounds against Jones.

"Training camp is going really well. I've been staying in decent shape with back-to-back fights, so that won't be an issue at all."

Camacho's training camp this time is different from his previous fights.

"Preparation is a little different with this training camp—more conditioning, more rounds, and a little more of everything really. The sword has been forged. Now, the next few weeks I need to sharpen the blade," Camacho ended.

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ready," said Angeles, who has less than two weeks to toughen up his Teen Ayuyus for the Asian Football Federation Boys U13 Festival 2015.

The EAFF event will run from Nov. 7 to 10 at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Harmon, with the 18-player CNMI team squaring off against North Korea, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, and the host.

"We will be facing power-house teams and I need them to be ready in any situation any time," Angeles said.

Angeles's crew is composed of goalkeepers Floyd Muna and Jason Quimzon, defenders Eun Syu Hahn, Kirt Andon, Loloheyong Benito, and Ian Maniago, midfielders Mark Esalan, Thaihi Austria, Sebastien Manabat, Kirro Batino, Raseff Altamirano, Angelo Bergancia, Justin Achas, and Jhoey Noble, and forwards John Michale Rojas,

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Besides sharpening his players' mental toughness, Angeles will continue to work on the

Teen Ayuyus' basic skills and stamina.

"We will still focus on the basic skills but this time not only individually but as a team. We will be working on basic defending and attacking (individually and as a team), solid block while defending, reaction after winning the ball, and shooting/finishing. At the end of each training session, I give the boys exercises that will improve their stamina. I want them to finish strong as

the last 10 minutes of the game is a crucial time because this is where the winning goal can come in. The squad has lot of potential and I believe it will be one of the best NMI teams in the future," said Angeles, who will be assisted by Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong's Takemoto Suzuki.

The Teen Ayuyus, except from the Guam-based Cho, are training at the Koblerville Elementary School and will have four more scrimmages against

the CNMI women's and boys U14 national squads before they depart for Guam on Nov. 7. Though he is not able to join his team's practice sessions, Cho has been receiving training guidelines from Angeles.

"I instructed Eddie to work his hardest just like his teammates. I gave him a training routine that must be done religiously from Monday to Friday and it focuses on his individual skills, stamina and diet," the Teen Ayuyus head coach added.

Bike For Life 50-Kilometer MTB and Road Bike Race

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Ruben Leynes heads back to the finish line at the Pacific Islands Club's south parking lot in last Saturday's Bike For Life 50K race.



Dr. Tony Stearns pedals along the road going to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.



PIC Sports, Entertainment, and Activities director Glenn Policare gives out last minute instructions at the starting line.



Kathy Ruszala makes the uphill climb toward San Vicente.



June Evangelista, from left, joins a group that includes Michael Catacutan, Raymund Tolentino, and James Abuy.



Wynn Bryant Brillo adjusts his sunglasses before the start of the race.



Ed Genobaten, right, gives the thumbs up sign as he and Jay Diyo keep a steady pace along the road near Koblerville Elementary School.



Will Schroeder cruises along Beach Road.



Lawyer Robert Torres heads toward Isa Drive.



Clare Summers steers her bike after making a turn at Airport Road.



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SCS dominates elementary races



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Runners head out to the course during the first leg of the NMA All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field.

Teen Ayuyus to work on mental toughness

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CNMI U13 National Team coach Jershwin Angeles will use the remaining days of their training sessions to strengthen his players' mental toughness.

"I am preparing the team to be mentally tough and to always give their 100%."



every single time, whether during training or in actual matches. I believe the boys do not get tired easily—they are young, energetic, and hungry. But sometimes it is their mental that is weak and that tells their body to give up working hard. I need my boys to be physically and mentally

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CNMI U13 National Team coach Jershwin Angeles, left, gives pointers to Lolobeyong Benito during their training session yesterday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

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Saipan Community School dominated the elementary division of the first leg of the NMA All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field.

SCS runners recorded four first place, one second, and three third place finishes in the boys and girls U7 and U9 and boys U11 divisions.

Hilah Bacani led SCS' first place winners, topping the girls' U7 with a time of 9:53 against the 10:16 submitted by teammate Yu Jie Zhang. Abbie Kim of San Vi-

cente Elementary School came in third at 12:23.

SCS' Drei Camacho, Jenny Zhang, and Isaiah Alekseenko also topped their respective age groups.

Camacho was the fastest in the boys U7, recording a time of 12:59 for an almost two-minute lead over SVES' Gregory Ngotel (14:48). Soo Ho Jin, another member of the SCS Tsunamis' 21-strong delegation, was at close third at 14:51.

Zhang ruled the girls' U9 with her time of 9:54, beating

William S. Reyes students Princess Jose (10:15) and Miyakela Arriola (10:57).

Alekseenko rounded up SCS' top runners as he won the U9 boys' age group with a blistering time of 6:22, followed by the 7:57 of Oleai Elementary School's Cooper Reynolds and the 8:59 of Derick Kwon.

Seung Jin Park was the other SCS runner who clinched a podium finish after placing third

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Lightweight title to put 'The Crank' closer to UFC goal

Winning the Pacific Xtreme Combat lightweight championship belt would move

Frank "The Crank" Camacho closer to his goal of earning a chance to fight in an Ultimate Fighting Championship event.

Camacho (17-3 with 14 knockouts) will be facing Guam Muay Thai's Tyrone "Bones" Jones (5-4) in PXC set on Dec. 4 at the University of Guam Fieldhouse with the vacant PXC 155-lb title on the line.

The Guam-born, but Saipan-raised fighter said he is training harder for his upcoming five-round battle against Jones.

"I'm preparing to the best of my ability for this fight because having a belt around my waist puts me under a better light for the UFC, which is my career goal. I just need to stay focused and never forget the goal,"

Camacho said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

"[Just] continue to push forward and represent the Marianas at the highest level of fighting."

Even as small as we are as an island, we have the fighting spirit. I have it and I want to show it to the entire world where we come from," he added.



Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, waits for the formal announcement of referee Alverick Alvarez, center, after beating Yasuaki Miura in Rites of Passage 18: Warpath last July 3 at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

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